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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

ARB-320-2024
Date of decision: 04.12.2025

M/S SMRITI PRODUCTS

...Applicant(s)

VERSUS

M/S DOLAT MERCHANT BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
PVT. LTD.

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Shubham, Advocate for
Mr. Sahil Goel, Advocate for the applicant.

Ms. Nidhi Mistry, Advocate
(Through Video Conferencing) for
Mr. Dhananjay Mittal, Advocate for the respondent.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present application has been filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') seeking appointment of an independent Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes and differences which have arisen between the parties.
2. At the outset, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent, who has joined the proceedings through video conferencing, while referring to the arbitration clause annexed as Annexure A-2 to the reply filed on behalf of the respondent, submitted that as per the clause, the venue of arbitration shall be at Mumbai and therefore, this Court does not have any territorial jurisdiction to appoint a Sole Arbitrator under Section 11 of the Act.



3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant has not been able to controvert the aforesaid factual and legal position as to how this Court would have any territorial jurisdiction.
4. In view of the above, the present application is dismissed. Liberty is granted to the applicant to file an appropriate application before the competent Court.

04.12.2025
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No