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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

ARB-371-2025

Date of decision: 23.12.2025

MALKIAT SINGH RANDHAWA

...Applicant(s)

VERSUS

JASMANJIT SINGH AND ANOTHER

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

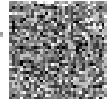
Present:- Mr. Jagdeep Singh Rana, Advocate for the applicant.

Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate and
Mr. Akshit Pathania, Advocate for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present application has been filed under Section 11(6) 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. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that there exists a partnership deed between the parties vide Annexure P-1 and there also exists a valid arbitration clause i.e. Clause 17, which provides that in case of any dispute or difference between the parties, the same shall be referred to arbitration under the Indian Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended from time to time. He further submitted that a dispute arose between the parties and the applicant invoked the aforesaid arbitration clause by issuing a notice dated



09.04.2025 (Annexure P-15) through registered post but no response was received from the respondents and therefore, the present application has been filed under Section 11 of the Act seeking appointment of an independent Arbitrator.

3. On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondents submitted that there is no dispute with regard to the existence of the aforesaid arbitration clause and invocation of the said arbitration clause by way of issuance of notice vide Annexure P-15 and therefore, the respondent has no objection in case a Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court.

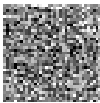
4. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that all the essential conditions for appointment of a Sole Arbitrator under Section 11 of the Act stand satisfied.

5. Consequently, the present application is allowed. Mr. Justice Shekher Dhawan, a former Judge of this Court, resident of House No.2109, Sector-21, Chandigarh, Mobile No.-8558809941, is nominated as the Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties, subject to compliance of statutory provisions including Section 12 of the Act.

6. Parties are directed to appear before the learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed and communicated by the learned Arbitrator at his convenience.

7. Fee shall be paid to the learned Arbitrator in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Arbitration Act, as amended.

8. Learned Arbitrator is also requested to complete the proceedings as per the time limit prescribed under Section 29-A of the Act.



9. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Mr. Justice Shekher Dhawan, a former Judge of this Court.

23.12.2025
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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