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

**ARB-534-2025
Date of Decision: 18.11.2025**

M/s Gurinder Singh Contractor

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. R.K. Girdhar, Advocate &
Mr. Chirag Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Somesh Arora, Addl. AG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') praying for appointment of an Arbitrator in terms of Arbitration Clause 25 of the Agreement and the relevant portion of the Agreement is attached vide Annexure A-1.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there is a valid agreement between the parties which contains a valid existing arbitration clause and since a dispute arose between the parties, a notice was given to the respondent vide Annexure A-29 on 05.02.2024, but there was no response from the respondents. Therefore, the present petition has been filed under Section 11 of the Act for appointment of Sole Arbitrator.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Somesh Arora, learned Addl. AG, Punjab has submitted that he has sought instructions from Mr. Devinder Singh, SDO, Kandi Canal Stage-II Division, WRD, Hoshiarpur to state that

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the respondents have no objection in case any independent Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court to adjudicate the disputes which have arisen between the parties.

4. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain, a former Judge of this Court, resident of House No. 133, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh, Mobile No.9780008134, Email ID. j.rkjain01@gmail.com, 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.

5. 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.

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

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

8. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain, a former Judge of this Court.

18.11.2025*Bhumika***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |