



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

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ARB-542-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 06.03.2025

M/S GHERI MANDI UDYOG SAMITI, AMRITSAR AND OTHERS**....APPLICANTS****Vs.****THE PUNJAB STATE BUS STAND MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED
AND OTHERS****...RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: Mr. Mayank Mathur, Advocate
for the applicants.

Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate and
Mr. Abhishek Singla, Advocate
for the respondents.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J (ORAL)

1. Through instant application under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '**1996 Act**'), the applicants are seeking appointment of an Arbitrator.
2. The parties entered into arbitration agreement dated 23.11.2015. A dispute erupted between the parties. The applicants served notice upon respondent seeking resolution of dispute through arbitral tribunal but to no avail.
3. The execution of arbitration agreement and service of notice invoking arbitration clause is not disputed.
4. Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate submits that applicants have already been extended benefit of Covid-19, thus, the instant application is misconceived. They are trying to extort money from the respondents.
5. The issues raised by respondents are disputed questions which need to be answered by the Arbitrator.



6. Conditions to invoke power conferred by Section 11(6) of 1996 Act stand satisfied, thus, I hereby appoint a sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties.
7. Mr. Kuldip Kumar Kareer, District & Sessions Judge (Retired), residing at House No.262, Sector 7, Chandigarh, Mobile No. 9780055722 is hereby appointed as a Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties, subject to compliance of statutory requirements. The learned Arbitrator is requested to comply with mandate of Section 12 of 1996 Act before proceeding further.
8. Parties are directed to appear before the learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed by the Arbitrator at his convenience.
9. The Arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the 1996 Act, as amended.
10. The Arbitrator is requested to complete the proceedings as per time limit specified under Section 29-A of the 1996 Act.
11. Needless to mention, parties would be at liberty including question of limitation to raise all the claims/defences/counter claims/pleas before the Arbitrator. Any observation made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.
12. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Mr. Kuldip Kumar Kareer.
13. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

06.03.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

[JAGMOHAN BANSAL]
JUDGE

Yes/No
Yes/No