



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

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CWP-30836-2024

Date of Decision: 05.03.2025

Choice Books and Printers Private Limited

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURESHWAR THAKUR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI**

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Sandeep Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab &
Mr. Maninder Singh, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate, for respondent Nos.2 & 3.

SURESHWAR THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.2 and 3 submits, that since in respect of the action taken against the present petitioner, relating to imposition of penalties, besides relating to withdrawal of the subject tender from it, thus, the petitioner can avail the remedy of accessing the Arbitrator.
2. Faced with the above, the learned counsel for the petitioner seeks and is permitted to withdraw the present petition.
3. As an exceptional case, since the counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that to resolve the dispute which has emerged amongst the present petitioner and the respondents, some retired District & Sessions Judge be



appointed as an Arbitrator. Accordingly, Mr. J.S. Klar, District & Sessions Judge (Retd.) is appointed as Arbitrator, who shall, on receipt of an application, shall commence the arbitration proceedings but within three weeks from today and shall also endeavour to conclude the same within the statutorily ordained period. The fees of the Arbitrator shall be governed by Schedule 4 of the Arbitration Act.

4. It is clarified that the impugned order shall not operate as a bar against the present petitioner to further submit the bids. Once the said bids become submitted by the petitioner, thus the competent authority concerned, may not reject the said bids, merely on the ground of the impugned Annexure P-36.

5. Disposed of accordingly.

(SURESHWAR THAKUR)
JUDGE

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

March 05, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No