



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

**ARB-595-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:24.12.2025**

M/S Gnoor Company

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Adish Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Himanshu Bindal, Senior Panel Counsel
for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI J.(Oral)

1. The present is a petition filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), seeking appointment of an independent Arbitral Tribunal in the present case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a valid agreement was entered into between the parties vide Annexure A-2 in which an arbitration clause is contained at para No.64(3) which provides that where the value of all claims exceeds Rs. 25,00,000/-, an arbitral tribunal shall be appointed and where the value of the claims is less than Rs. 25,00,000/-, a sole arbitrator shall be appointed. He further submitted that since a dispute arose between the parties, the petitioner served a



notice upon the respondent vide Annexure A-4 dated 25.06.2025 for invoking the arbitration clause but no response was received from the respondents. Therefore, he submitted that this Hon'ble Court may appoint a sole arbitrator for adjudicating the dispute.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submitted that although as per the aforesaid clause, the provision is for the appointment of an Arbitral Tribunal but considering the costs factor, any sole arbitrator may be appointed in this regard.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents submitted that there is no dispute regarding the existence of the arbitration clause or the service of notice upon the respondents. He further submitted that the respondents have no objection if an independent and impartial sole arbitrator is appointed for adjudication of the dispute, as a valid arbitration clause exists between the parties. He also submitted that he has also sought instructions to state that instead of appointment of any Arbitral Tribunal, any sole arbitrator may be appointed in view of the cost factor.

5. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. Hon'ble Ms. Justice Daya Chaudhary, (Retired), resident of House No.25, Sector-17, Panchkula, Mobile No.9780008137, Email:dayachaudhary02@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.

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



- 7. Fee shall be paid to 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 Hon’ble Ms.Justice Daya Chaudhary, (Retired).

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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