



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

ARB-612-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision:10.12.2025

ER. Pankaj Arora

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. J.S. Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Raghav Goel, AAG Punjab.

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 a sole arbitrator in the present case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a valid agreement was entered into between the parties, which contains an arbitration clause at para No.14 and the said agreement has been attached with the present petition as Annexure P-1. He further submitted that after exhausting the pre-arbitration mechanism of amicable settlement, which failed, a notice was served upon the respondents vide Annexure P-4 for appointment of an arbitrator under the aforesaid Clause No.14 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. On the other hand, learned State counsel submitted that there is no dispute regarding the existence of the aforesaid arbitration clause or the



service of the notice upon the respondents. He on instructions from Ms. Ritika Sallan, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Ludhiana, further submitted that the respondent-State has no objection in case any independent and impartial sole arbitrator is appointed for adjudication of the dispute, as there exists a valid arbitration clause.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. Mr. Raman Kumar (Sharma), Advocate, resident of Kothi No. 2173, C-Block, Eco City-1, Sector 5, New Chandigarh, Mobile No. 9417004852, Email:advocateraman@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 learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed and communicated by learned Arbitrator at his convenience.

6. Fee shall be paid to 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 Act.

8. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Mr. Raman Kumar (Sharma), Advocate.

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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