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

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Date of Decision: 03.07.2025

Dr. Prahlad Duggal

...Applicant

Versus

Pawan Arora and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Divanshu Jain, Advocate and
Mr. Abhinav Goel, Advocate for the applicant
Mr. Sunil Chadha, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Arash Deep Kaur, Advocate for respondent No.1
Mr. Abhay Nanda, Advocate for respondent No.2

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through instant application under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '**1996 Act**'), the applicant is seeking appointment of an Arbitrator.
2. The parties entered into arbitration agreement. A dispute erupted between the parties. The applicant served notice upon the respondents seeking resolution of dispute through Arbitral Tribunal but to no avail.
3. Learned Senior counsel appearing for respondent No.1 submits that respondent No.2, who is partner of the applicant, has already given No Due Certificate, thus, nothing is outstanding against respondent No.1.
4. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 expressed his inability to controvert execution of arbitration agreement and service of notice.

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5. 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.

6. Dr. Ram Kumar Singla, Additional District & Sessions Judge (Retd.), residing at House No. 4004, Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Mobile Nos.9501003119 & 8558803877 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.

7. The parties at the first instance will appear before the Arbitrator on 18.07.2025 at 10.00 A.M. and thereafter, as directed by learned Arbitrator.

8. The Arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the 1996 Act, as amended.

9. The Arbitrator is requested to complete the proceedings as per time limit specified under Section 29-A of the 1996 Act.

10. Needless to mention, parties would be at liberty to raise all the claims/defences/counter claims/pleas before the Arbitrator. Any observation made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.

11. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Dr. Ram Kumar Singla.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

03.07.2025*Mohit Kumar*

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