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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ O.M.P. (MISC.) 12/2024

RAJEEV VIJ

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Humraz Bir Singh, Advocate

versus

KAMAL SARAF & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: (Advocate) *Appearance not given*

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

22.07.2025

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1. This is a petition under Section 29A (4) of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act seeking extension of the mandate of the learned Arbitrator to conclude the arbitration proceedings and pass an arbitral award.
2. It is stated that disputes arose between the parties and a Sole Arbitrator was appointed by this Court *vide* Order dated 11.10.2021 to adjudicate upon the disputes between the parties.
3. It is stated that pleadings were completed and the mandate of the Arbitrator for was mutually extended by the parties on 23.08.2023 for a period of six months.
4. It is stated that the matter is now at the stage of Respondent's evidence. It is stated that since the mandate of the Arbitrator has come to an end on 13.02.2024, the Petitioner has filed the present petition seeking extension of mandate of the Arbitrator.
5. Learned Counsel for the Respondent states that the Respondent has no



objection to the extension of mandate of the Arbitrator.

6. The Apex Court in Rohan Builders (India) Private Limited v. Berger Paints India Limited, **2024 SCC OnLine SC 2494**, has held that an application for extension of the time period for passing an arbitral award under Section 29A(4) read with Section 29A(5) is maintainable even after the expiry of the twelve-month or the extended six-month period, as the case may be.

7. In view of the fact that the matter is at the stage of Respondent's evidence, this Court is inclined to extend the mandate of the Arbitrator till 28.02.2026 to enable the learned Arbitrator to proceed further and conclude the arbitration proceedings. Further, the period from 13.02.2024 till today is regularized.

8. The petition is disposed of along with pending application(s), if any.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

JULY 22, 2025

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