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

+ **ARB.P. 819/2024**

INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTDPetitioner

Through: Mr. Raghav Khanna, Advocate

versus

PARVEEN SHARMA AND ANR.Respondents

Through: None

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

20.02.2025

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1. By way of present petition filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter, referred to as the 'A&C Act'), the petitioner seeks appointment of Arbitral Tribunal comprising of a Sole Arbitrator, to adjudicate upon the disputes between the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the parties had entered into a Loan Agreement dated 28.04.2018, Article 12 of which provides that disputes arising between the parties with respect to the subject Agreement shall be resolved through arbitration by a Sole Arbitrator. It further stipulates that the place of arbitration shall be at Delhi.

3. Disputes having arisen between the parties, the petitioner invoked arbitration vide notice dated 03.02.2024 issued under Section 21 of the A&C Act to the respondents.

4. On the last date of hearing, it was noted that respondent No.1 was served through email. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that



respondent No.2 has also been served by way of substituted service and as noted in the last order dated 06.02.2025, an affidavit of service has been filed in this regard, accompanied by copies of the newspapers in which publication was carried out. In view of the same, respondent No.2 was deemed to be served.

5. Even today, however, the respondents are neither represented nor any reply has been filed on their behalf. It appears that the respondents have no objection to the reference of disputes to the Arbitral Tribunal.

6. Considering the fact that despite being served, the respondents have chosen to not appear today and since there is no reply or objection filed on their behalf, the respondents are deemed to have consented to the reference of the present dispute to Arbitration before a Sole Arbitrator.

7. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with the following directions:

- i) The disputes between the parties under the said agreement are referred to Delhi International Arbitration Centre, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi (hereinafter, referred to as the 'DIAC') who shall nominate a Sole Arbitrator.
- ii) The arbitration will be held under the aegis of DIAC. The remuneration of the learned Arbitrator shall be in terms of DIAC (Administrative Cost and Arbitrators' Fees) Rules, 2018 or as the parties may agree.
- iii) The learned Arbitrator shall furnish a declaration in terms of Section 12 of the Act prior to entering into the reference.
- iv) It is made clear that all the rights and contentions of the parties, including on the existence and validity of the Arbitration agreement,



arbitrability of any of the claim/counter claim, any other preliminary objection, need and legality of interim relief, as well as contentions on merits of the dispute by either of the parties, are left open for adjudication by the learned Arbitrator.

- v) The parties shall approach DIAC within two weeks from today.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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