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

+ **ARB.P. 839/2025**

M/S VIVEK TRAVELS PRIVATE LIMITEDPetitioner
Through: **Mr. Gurpreet Singh Sachdeva and**
Mr. Divyansh Thakur, Advocates.

versus

SANSAD TELEVISION (ERSTWHILE
RAJYA SABHA TELEVISION (RSTV)Respondent
Through: **None.**

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

% **11.08.2025**

1. This petition has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking appointment of a Sole Arbitrator for adjudication of disputes between the parties arising out of the Agreement dated 28th June, 2019 ('the Agreement') executed between the parties herein.
2. It is stated in the petition that the Tender Notice dated 14th December, 2018 issued by the respondent would form part of the Agreement. It is stated that the said Notice contains an arbitration clause, i.e. Clause 36, which provides for adjudication of disputes arising between the parties by arbitration.
3. Counsel for the petitioner states that since there were disputes between the parties, the petitioner invoked the aforesaid arbitration clause *vide* legal notice dated 23rd October, 2024.
4. No response to the aforesaid legal notice was received by the



petitioner.

5. Notice in the present petition was issued by the Predecessor Bench *vide* order dated 29th May, 2025.

6. As per the report of the Registry, the respondent has been served.

7. None appears on behalf of the respondent despite service.

8. In this view of the aforesaid position, it has been put to the counsel for the petitioner if the matter may be referred for mediation.

9. Counsel for the petitioner is willing to consider mediation and states that the present petition may be disposed of with a reference to the Delhi International Arbitration Centre ('DIAC'), *albeit* with the appointment of a Sole Arbitrator being deferred by eight (8) weeks.

10. Accordingly, the matter is referred for mediation to Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre ('Mediation Centre').

11. List before the Mediation Centre on 14 August, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

12. Further, in the facts of this case, it is admitted that there exists a valid arbitration agreement and thus, the parties are referred to arbitration under the aegis of DIAC. However, keeping in view the reference to mediation, the DIAC is directed to appoint a Sole Arbitrator in the fourth week of October, 2025.

13. The parties and the Mediator are directed to conclude the mediation proceedings before 15th October 2025. The report of the Mediator will be sent to the DIAC on or before the third week of October, 2025.

14. It is directed that in case the parties have not settled the matter in the mediation proceedings by 15th October, 2025, the DIAC will proceed to appoint a Sole Arbitrator and constitute the Arbitral Tribunal by the fourth week of October, 2025, and the parties will appear before the DIAC on 28th



October, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. for a preliminary hearing.

15. Needless to state, all pleas of the parties *qua* claims and counter-claims are left open and shall be considered in the arbitration proceedings.

16. With the aforesaid directions, the petition stands disposed of.

17. A copy of this order be sent to the Organising Secretary of the Mediation Centre and the DIAC for information and compliance.

18. The digitally signed copy of this order, duly uploaded on the official website of the High Court of Delhi, www.delhihighcourt.nic.in, shall be treated as a certified copy of the order for the purpose of ensuring compliance. No physical copy of the order passed today shall be insisted for by any authority/entity or litigant.

AMIT BANSAL, J

AUGUST 11, 2025

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