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

+ **O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 36/2025**

M/S PAVANI BUILDCON LLP

.....Petitioner

Through: **Ms. Smita Maan, Advocate**

versus

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent

Through: **Mr. Shivam Goel, Adv Mr. Anil
Kunal Goyal, Adv Ms. Ramya S
Goel, Adv Ms. Sanya Sharma, Adv**

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

% **15.01.2025**

I.A. 834/2025 (Exemption)

Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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1. This Petition under Section 29A(4) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has been filed by the Petitioner for extending the mandate of the Sole Arbitrator.
2. Material on record indicates that Special Secretary, Land and Building Department of GNCT of Delhi was authorized to act as the Arbitrator for all revenue Districts of Delhi for determination of compensation under Section 3G (5) of the National Highway Act 1956 for the acquired land. It is stated that the mandate of the Arbitrator has expired.
3. It is stated that the arbitration proceedings are at the stage of recording of evidence.



4. 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.
5. In view of the facts of the present case, this Court is inclined to extend the mandate of the Sole Arbitrator for a period of one year from today, so that the award can be pronounced.
6. The Petition is disposed of, along with the pending applications, if any.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

JANUARY 15, 2025

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