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

+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 1048/2025

M/S SIMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURES LIMITEDPetitioner

Through: Mr. S.D. Singh, Mr. Kamla Prasad,
Mrs. Meenu Singh, Mr. Siddharth
Singh, Mr. Manan Saini, Advocates

versus

INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTDRespondent

Through: Mr. Vibhor Victor and Ms.
Tannishtha Singh, Advocates

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

22.12.2025

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1. The present petition under Section 29A(4) & (5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has been filed by the Petitioner for extending the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.
2. Material on record indicates that an Arbitral Tribunal was constituted by this Court *vide* Order dated 11.11.2021 in ARB.P.927/2021. The mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal is being extended from time to time and last such extension was granted by this Court *vide* Order dated 10.01.2025 in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 484/2025 by which this Court had extended the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal till 03.12.2025. Since the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal has expired on 03.12.2025, the present petition has been filed for extending the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.
3. It is stated that the award has been reserved and the mandate of the



Arbitral Tribunal be extended to enable the Arbitrator to pronounce the award.

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 regularize the period from 03.12.2025 till today and extend the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal till 30.04.2026, so that the award can be pronounced.

6. The petition is disposed of, along with the pending applications, if any.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

DECEMBER 22, 2025

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