

ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction
ORIGINAL SIDE
(Commercial Division)

AP-COM/19/2026

BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LTD.
VS
WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY
DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH

Date : 13th January, 2026.

Appearance

Mr. Touseef Ahmed Khan, Adv.

Mr. Arindam Paul, Adv.

Ms. Debarati Das, Adv.

Ms. Sohini Choudhury, Adv.

...for the petitioner

Mr. Soumyo Ray Chowdhury, Adv.

Mr. S Sankar Koley, Adv.

...for the respondent

The Court: The petitioner has filed the present application under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 seeking extension of the mandate of the arbitral tribunal for conclusion of the arbitral proceedings and publication of the arbitral award.

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that this Court vide order dated 26.04.2023 appointed a sole arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties. The pleadings were completed on 16.05.2024. With the consent of the parties the mandate of the arbitral tribunal was extended by six months. The said time period expired on 14.11.2025.

Learned Counsel for the respondent states that he has no objection to the extension of the mandate of the arbitral tribunal.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner further submits that the arbitral tribunal has conducted more than 25 sittings and that the matter is presently at the stage of the recording of evidence.

Upon consideration of the submissions of the parties and the materials placed on record, this Court is satisfied that there has been no undue and unwarranted delay on the part of the learned sole arbitrator in concluding the proceedings.

Having regard to the advanced stage of the proceedings and in the interest of justice, the mandate of the arbitral tribunal is extended further for a period of one year from today.

The learned sole arbitrator is requested to make all reasonable endeavours to conclude the arbitral proceedings and publish the arbitral award within the extended time period.

With the aforesaid observations, the present application stands disposed of.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)