

ORDER

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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
COMMERCIAL DIVISION
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP-COM/65/2026
MAHENDRA SHIVLAL GANDHI AND ANR
VS
TUSHAR JAWAHARLAL GANDHI AND ORS

BEFORE
HON'BLE JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH
Date: 2ndFebruary, 2026.

Appearance:-
Mr. Jaudip Kar, Sr.Adv.
Mr. Siddhartha Ghosh, Adv.
...for petitioners.
Mr. Soumava Mukherjee, Adv.
...for respondent Nos. 1 & 2.

The Court:- The petitioners have preferred the present petition 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.

This Court, vide order dated 17.10.2023, appointed a learned arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties. Subsequently, the application under Section 15 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 was filed by the petitioners wherein this Court vide order dated 09.07.2024, appointed a substituted arbitrator. Thereafter, with the consent of the parties, the mandate of the arbitral tribunal was further extended for a period of six months till 16.01.2026.

It is submitted by the parties that the arbitral tribunal has already conducted 22 sittings and has disposed of various applications filed by the parties under Section 17 of the Act.

Learned counsel for the respondents states that the respondents have no objection to the extension of the mandate of the arbitral tribunal.

Upon consideration of the submissions of the parties and the materials placed on record, this Court is satisfied that there has been no undue or unwarranted delay on the part of the learned sole arbitrator in conducting the arbitral proceedings. Having regard to the advanced stage of the proceedings and in the interest of justice, the mandate of the learned sole arbitrator is extended for a further period of six months 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 above directions, the present petition stands disposed of.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)

R. D. Barua