

ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP-COM/189/2026

M/S. HYTONE MERCHANTS PVT. LTD.  
VS  
PRASENJIT DAS AND ANOTHER

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026.

Appearance:

*Mr. Shaunak Ghosh, Adv.*

*Ms. Shreyashi Maity, Adv.*

*...for the petitioner*

*Mr. Pratip Mukherjee, Adv.*

*Mr. Purnankar Biswas, Adv.*

*...for the respondents*

The Court: The petitioner has filed 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.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that this Court vide order dated 13.03.2023 had appointed a sole arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties. The pleadings were completed on 11.09.2023. With the consent of the parties the mandate of the arbitral tribunal was extended till 10.03.2025. Thereafter, this Court vide order dated 22.05.2025 extended the mandate of the arbitral tribunal further by eight months i.e., till 09.02.2026.

Learned Counsel for the respondents 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 already conducted 29 sittings and 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 four 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 aforesaid observations, the present petition stands disposed of.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)