

O-1

ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP/158/2025

BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD.
VS
MADANA MOTOR SERVICE AND ORS.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH

Date : 5th May, 2026.

Appearance

Mr. Sanjib Kr. Mal, Adv.

Ms. Shomrita Das, Adv.

Mr. Shomrik Das, Adv.

. . .for the petitioner.

Mr. Avijit Sarkar, Adv.

. . .for the respondent nos. 2 & 3.

Ms. Sushmita Kumari Singh, Adv.

. . .for the respondent no.3.

The Court:- The petitioner has 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 proceeding and publication of the award.

Learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that this Court vide order dated 12.04.2023 had appointed a sole arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties.

The pleadings were completed on 12.09.2023. The parties by mutual consent had extended the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal on 11.09.2024.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner states that the mandate of the arbitral tribunal expired on 10.03.2025 and that the matter is at the stage of arguments.

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

Upon consideration of the materials placed on record and the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties, this Court is satisfied that there is no undue or unwarranted delay on the part of the learned sole arbitrator in conducting the proceeding.

Having regard to the advanced stage of the proceedings and in the interest of justice, the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal is extended for a further period of six months from today.

Learned sole Arbitrator is requested to make all reasonable endeavours to complete the arbitral proceedings and publish the arbitral award within the extended time period.

With the aforesaid directions, the present petition stands disposed of.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)