Sr. No. 102

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

Arb P No. 116/2026

Meena Kumari .....Appellant/Petitioner(s)

Through :- Mr. R K Jain, Sr. Advocate with
Assisting counsel.

v/s

Sainik Cooperative House Building Society Ltd. and others .....Respondent(s)

Through :- None.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PARIHAR, JUDGE

ORDER
19.11.2026

1. Learned Senior counsel representing the petitioner has laid a motion in terms of Section 29 (A) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking extension of time for completion of arbitral proceedings, which are being conducted by Sh. Suneet Gupta, Former District & Sessions Judge, as Sole Arbitrator, having been appointed by this Court in terms of order dated 27.02.2025. It is submitted by ld. Sr. counsel for the petitioner that, in terms of the provisions of the Act, the proceedings are to be completed initially within a period of one year, extendable by another six months with the consent of the parties and thereafter, under the orders of the Court. He further submits that the period of Arbitral Tribunal for completion of proceedings stood expired on 11.08.2026 and that the Arbitrator is in the process of concluding the proceedings. As such, a motion has been laid for extension of time for a period of another one year or for such period as this Court deems fit.

2. Filing of this petition was notified to the other side and even Dasti notice was permitted. Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 have already filed Vakalatnama. However, when the matter was called, there was no appearance on their behalf. It appears that the respondents, despite being notified about the filing of the petition, have not chosen to coming forward to contest the matter, which, in a way, raises an inference that even the respondents are not averse to the extension of the arbitral proceedings.

3. Having regard to the submissions made and keeping in view the mandate of Section 29 (A) of the Act, it is desirable that the proceedings are required to be concluded at the earliest. Given the fact that, post appointment of Arbitral Tribunal, the parties, on their own motion, have extended the time for another six months, thereafter, it is the first time that a motion has been laid for extension of time.

4. In that view of the same, this application is *allowed*, the period of Arbitral Tribunal, which expired on 11.08.2026, is extended by another six months from today and time consumed post last extension shall stand regularized accordingly.

5. ***Disposed of.***

(Sanjay Parihar)
Judge

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