

(2026:JHHC:5958)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Arbitration Application No. 02 of 2026

M/s. Royal Infraconstru Ltd, a Limited company duly incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, having its Corporate Office at 18, R.N. Mukherjee Road, 6th Floor, P.O., P.S. & District- Kolkata- 700001 (West Bengal) through its Authorised Signatory Mr Sudip Bhowmick, Aged about 55 Years, Son of Ashim Bhowmick, Resident of 20, Purba Sinthee By Lane, P.O and P.S Dumdum, District Kolkata - 700 030 (West Bengal).

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. M/s RITES Limited, Rites Bhawan, No. 1, Sector-29, P.O Gurugram, P.S Gururam, District Gurugram-122 001.
2. Director Projects, RITES Limited, Shikhar, Plot No 1, Sector 29, P.O Gurugram, P.S Gururam, District Gurugram, 122001.
3. General Manager (Projects), RITES Limited, Regional Project Office, Ranchi, House No 146/C Ground Floor, Road No-1, Mandir Marg, Ashok Nagar, P.O Ashok Nagar, P.S Ashok Nagar, District Ranchi 834002.

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Vikash Pandey, Advocate Ms. Diksha Dwivedi, Advocate
For the Respondents	:	Mr. Srijit Choudhary, Advocate Ms. Tanya Rai, Advocate Mr. Aayush Ojha, Advocate Mr. Chiranjeev Mahto, Advocate

Order No. 02

Dated : 27.02.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. Mr Srijit Choudhary states that he has instructions to appear in this matter along with Ms Tanya Rai. He further submits that he will file Vakalatnama by the 12th of March, 2026. This statement is accepted.
3. The issue involved in this application is identical to the issue involved in Arb. Application No. 54 of 2025. Therefore, the order passed today disposing of Arb. Application No. 54 of 2025 will cover the outcome of the present application.

4. By adopting the reasoning in the order dated 27.02.2026 (today), disposing of Arb. Application No. 54 of 2025, even this application is disposed of by appointing **Mr D.G.R. Patnaik, Former Judge of this Court**, residing at 1, Rajendra Nagar, Sakchi, Jamshedpur, 831001, as an Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties.
5. The appointment is subject to the learned Arbitrator not being subject to any of the disqualifications prescribed under the said Act and issuing a declaration to that effect before he enters upon reference. Learned Arbitrator's fees shall be in terms of the Fourth Schedule to the said Act, and both the parties shall bear such fees in equal proportion.
6. The Learned Arbitrator will endeavour to conclude the arbitration proceedings within the period prescribed under Section 29-A of the said Act.
7. Once again, it is clarified that all contentions of the parties, including the respondents' objections, remain explicitly open for the learned Arbitrator to decide in the first instance.
8. This application is disposed of on the above terms without any order for costs. All concerned must act on an authenticated copy of this order.

(M.S. Sonak, C.J.)