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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

ARBR No. 51 of 2026

M/s Prabhat Pradhan Proprietor Prabhat Pradhan, Railway Contractor, S/o Late Panchanan Pradhan, aged About 50 Years, R/o 414, Kalash, House Heavence, Sarkanda, Dist-Bilaspur C.G.

... Applicant(s)

Versus

1 - South Eastern Central Railway Through General Manager SECR, Bilaspur C.G.

2 - Principal Chief Engineer 3rd Floor, New Zonal Building, South East Central Railway, Bilaspur C.G.

3 - The Senior Divisional Engineer (East) South East Central Railway, Bilaspur, Division, Bilaspur C.G.

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant(s)	**:**	Ms. Shriyadeep Gupta, Advocate.
For Respondent(s)	**:**	Mr. Ramakant Mishra, Deputy Solicitor General

Hon'ble Mr. Krushna Ram Mohapatra, Chief Justice

Order on Board

30/10/2026

1 This is an application under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (*for brevity, the Arbitration Act*) for appointment of sole Arbitrator to arbitrate the dispute between the parties.

2 It is submitted by Ms. Shriyadeep Gupta, learned counsel appearing for the applicant that the applicant is a Railway Contractor and Order Supplier. He was awarded with a contract for execution of civil/engineering works for the South Eastern Central Railways (*for brevity, the SECR*). In order to execute the contract, a contract agreement (Contract Agreement No. 89/DEN-BSP/12-13 dated 07.01.2013) was executed between the parties. Pursuant to the execution of agreement, the applicant alleged to have proceeded to execute the works but a dispute arose between the parties. Hence, this application has been filed in terms of clause 63 and 64 of the General Conditions of the Contract (*for brevity, the GCC*), with a request to appoint sole Arbitrator.

3 Mr. Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, representing the respondents/Railways does not have any objection to such request.

4 Learned counsel for the parties, on agreement, requested to appoint Mr. Ashok Kumar Panda, a retired District Judge, stationed at Bilaspur, to arbitrate the dispute.

5 Hence, on consent of learned counsel for the parties, Mr. Ashok Kumar Panda, retired District Judge, stationed at Bilaspur, is appointed as the sole Arbitrator to arbitrate the dispute between the parties in terms of the agreement executed between them as well as the GCC.

6 Relevant records shall be sent to Mr. Ashok Kumar Panda, former District Judge, for necessary action at his end.

7 The remuneration of the Arbitrator shall be settled with the mutual consent of the parties.

8 The Arbitration Request Application is **disposed of** accordingly.

Sd/-

(Krushna Ram Mohapatra)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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