

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ARBITRATION APPEAL NO. 35 OF 2025

Hariom Projects Private Limited

...Appellant

Versus

Union of India

...Respondent

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 13838 OF 2025

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO. 134 OF 2026

IN

ARBITRATION APPEAL NO. 35 OF 2025

WITH

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION PETITION (ST) NO. 35541 OF 2025

Mr. Shyam Dewani a/w. *Mr. Saahil Dewani, Sachet Makhija, Dashang Doshi, for Appellant.*

Ms. Apurva Gupte a/w. *Mr. Krishnakant Deshmukh i/b Adv. Amir Qureshi, for Respondent.*

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

Date : January 5, 2026

ORDER :

1. The matter was listed today on the Production Board at the request of the Learned Advocate for the Original Appellant in this appeal filed under Section 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (“*the Act*”).

2. It is common ground among the parties that on December 22,

2025, a specific statement had been made to the Court confirming that the contract in question would not be cancelled. However, on January 3, 2026, a cancellation notice appears to have been issued by one Mr. V. P. Shrivastava, IDSE, Chief Engineer Pune Zone, asserting his right as an “accepting officer” to terminate the contract.

3. Learned Advocate for the Respondent fairly states that, in fact, on December 22, 2025, in the presence of officers from the Respondent, a statement that no proceedings should be conducted until the next date of hearing had been made, and yet the order dated January 3, 2026 has been passed.

4. In these circumstances, the effect and operation of the letter dated January 3, 2026, which is at Exhibit A to the Interim Application is hereby stayed until the next date. To come up as originally scheduled on *January 12, 2026*.

5. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order, shall be taken upon receipt of a downloaded copy as available on this Court’s website.

[SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.]