

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 1 OF 2025

Sodexo India Services Private Limited

...Petitioner

V/s.

Champsearch Private Limited

...Respondent

Ms. K. R. Davierval *with Mr. Yazdi Jijina and Ms. F. P. Harver i/b Mulla and Mulla and Craigie Blunt and Caroe for the Applicant.*

Mr. Sujit Lahoti *with Ms. Nidhi M. Jain i/b sujit Lahoti and Associates for Respondent.*

CORAM: SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.

DATED: 27 March 2026.

P.C.:

1) This is an Application filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (**the Arbitration Act**) for appointment of arbitrator for resolution of disputes and differences between the parties arising out of Food Service Agreement.

2) I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

3) Mr. Lahoti, learned counsel appearing for Respondent fairly does not dispute existence of arbitration Agreement between the parties. He submits that considering the claim value, reference be made to sole

arbitrator though, the arbitration agreement provides for three member Arbitral Tribunal.

4) By consent of the parties, following order is passed:-

(A) Ms. Simantini Mohite, an Advocate of this Court is appointed as sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties arising out of Food Service Agreement. The contact details of the Arbitrator are as under :

Office Address :	C/o. Mr. Ashish Kamat 501, Oval House, British Hotel Lane, Naigndas Master Road, Opp. Commerce House, Fort, Mumbai- 400 001
Email id :	simantini.mohite@gmail.com
Contact No.	9833545417

(B) A copy of this order be communicated to the learned sole Arbitrator by the Advocates for the Applicant within a period of one week from the date of uploading of this order. The Applicant shall provide the contact and communication particulars of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal alongwith a copy of this order.

(C) The learned sole Arbitrator is requested to forward the statutory Statement of Disclosure under Section 11(8) read with Section 12(1) of the Act to the parties within a period of 2 weeks from receipt of a copy of this order.

(D) The parties shall appear before the learned sole Arbitrator on such date and at such place as indicated by her, to obtain appropriate direction with regard to conduct of the arbitration including fixing a schedule for pleadings, examination of witnesses, if any, schedule of hearings etc.

(E) The fees of the sole Arbitrator shall be as prescribed under the Bombay High Court (Fee Payable to Arbitrators) Rules, 2018 and the arbitral costs and fees of the Arbitrator shall be borne by the parties in equal portion and shall be subject to the final Award that may be passed by the Tribunal.

- 5) All rights and contentions of the parties are expressly kept open to be agitated before the Arbitral Tribunal.
- 6) With the above directions, the Application is **disposed** of.

[SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.]