

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 480 OF 2025**

Zee Learn LimitedAPPLICANT
: **VERSUS** :
Girja Group of Education Trust and Anr.RESPONDENTS

**WITH
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: **VERSUS** :
Auro Educational FoundationRESPONDENT

Ms. Priya Nigwekar i/b Ms. Pallavi P. Chari for the Applicants.

CORAM : SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.

DATED : 17 FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

- 1) These are the applications filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (**‘Arbitration Act’**) for adjudication of disputes and differences arising between the parties out of Franchisee Agreement.
- 2) Heard learned Counsel appearing for Applicants. Despite being served through court’s notice, none has appeared on behalf of the Respondents. Perusal of the Franchisee Agreement would indicate the presence of clause No. 15.8. The seat of Arbitration is at Mumbai. In that

view of the matter, it would be just and proper to constitute Arbitral Tribunal of a sole Arbitrator.

3) Accordingly I proceed to pass the following order.

(A) Ms. Chinmayee Pendse, an Advocate of this Court is appointed as Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties arising out of Franchisee Agreement referred to above. The contact details of the Arbitrator are as under :

Office Address :- 3rd Floor, 31, Ambalal Doshi Marg, Fort, Mumbai – 400 023, Mob: 9920549726.

Email ID :- chinmayee@karishmavora.com

(B) A copy of this order be communicated to the learned sole Arbitrator by the Advocate 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 raised before the Arbitral Tribunal.
- 6) With the above directions, the applications are **disposed of**.

[SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.]