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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1018 OF 2025

IN

EXECUTION APPLICATION NO. 726 OF 2025

Tata Capital Limited ... Applicant

Versus

Anil Ramchandra Dikav ... Respondent

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Ms. Bijal Gogri instructed by OM Gujar Law Chamber, Advocate for the Applicant.

None for the Respondent.

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CORAM : ABHAY AHUJA, J.

DATE : 6 APRIL 2026

PC. :

1. When the matters is called out, Ms. Gogri, learned Counsel, appears for the Applicant and submits that in this matter there has been a unilateral appointment of Arbitrator and this Court may pass appropriate orders in view of the decision in the case of ***Bhadra International (India) Pvt. Ltd. and others vs. Airports Authority of India¹***. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has clearly observed that unilateral appointment of arbitrator is void ab initio and the ineligibility can be raised at any stage and even in execution.

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2. In view of the aforesaid, the award dated 8th March 2024 is therefore set aside and the Execution Application as well as the connected Interim Application stand dismissed.

3. It would be open to the parties to initiate fresh arbitration proceedings in accordance with law.

4. As far as limitation is concerned, the period from the invocation of the arbitration till today be excluded in initiating fresh arbitration proceedings.

5. Liberty to apply in the event there exists an express agreement in writing in terms of proviso to Section 12(5) of the said Act waiving the ineligibility of the sole arbitrator or the right to object under Section 12(5) of the said Act.

(ABHAY AHUJA, J.)