

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 676 OF 2025

Mehul Deepak Thakur

...Applicant

V/s.

Poddar Housing and Development
Limited and Anr.

...Respondents

Ms. Shravani Deshmukh *with Ms. Aruna Chorasias i/b Mandlik and Partners, for Applicant.*

Ms. Ayesha Pinto *i/b Saamya Partners, for Respondent No. 1.*

Mr. Puru Jain *with Mr. Ansh Agal i/b Jain Law Partners LLP for Respondent No. 2.*

CORAM: SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.

DATED: 28 April 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 Subscription and Shareholders Agreement dated 4 July 2012 and other related Agreements/Documents.

2) I have heard, Ms. Pinto and Mr. Jain, the learned counsel appearing for Respondents. They fairly admit existence of arbitration agreement between the parties. On instructions, they consent for

appointment of a sole Arbitrator for adjudication of disputes and differences between the parties.

3) Though, the arbitration agreement between the parties contemplate constitution of three member Arbitral Tribunal, the learned counsel appearing for the parties have consented for Arbitral Tribunal comprising of a sole Arbitrator.

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

(A) Mr. Justice S. V. Gangapurwala, former Chief Justice of Madras High Court is appointed as sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties arising out of Subscription and Shareholders Agreement dated 4 July 2012 and other related Agreements/Documents. The contact details of the Arbitrator are as under :

Office Address :	Near Porwal Bhawan Govardhan Giri Khara Kuwa, Kranti Chowk, Aurangabad
Email id :	Sanjay.gangapurwala@gmail.com
Contact No.	95451119995

(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 him, 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) All arbitral costs and fees of the Arbitral Tribunal shall be borne by the parties equally in the first instance, and shall be subject to any final Award that may be passed by the Tribunal in relation to costs.

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.]