

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 164 OF 2026

Lakme Lever Private Limited

...Petitioner

Versus

Vidya Avinash Sawalakhe

...Respondent

Mr. Kanhaiya Jha, for the Petitioner.

Ms. Kamini Pansare i/b VM Legal, for the Respondents.

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : APRIL 9, 2026

ORDER :

1. This is a Petition under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking an extension of mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal, which expired on February 10, 2025, followed by the statutorily-permission extension by consent by further six months August 10, 2025.

2. Today, when the matter is called out, Learned Counsel for the parties jointly request for an extension of mandate by a period of three months, bearing in mind that only the passing of the Award is pending.

3. In these circumstances, taking into account the stage at

which the Arbitral proceedings are placed, this Petition is ***finally disposed of*** extending the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for a period of ***three*** months, i.e., until ***July 31, 2026***.

4. 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.]