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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.KUMARESH BABU

Arb O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 198 of 2026

M/s.Ohm Sakthi Hotels and Conventional
Centre Private Limited,
Rep by its Managing Director,
Mr.Velmurugan,
having its registered office at Old No.23-C,
New No.53, Flat No.3C, Mandira Apartments,
Dr.B.Narasiaman Road, NB Road, T-Nagar,
Chennai - 600 017.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

M/s.Anandha Inn Private Limited
Rep. by its Managing Director,
Mr.Radjaradjane,
No.90, Muthumariamman Koil Street,
Puducherry - 605 001.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer This petition filed under Section 15(2) read with 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, praying for the following reliefs:-

i) To appoint or substitute a sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the petitioner and the respondent arising out of the lease agreement dated 10.04.2017 and proceed further from the stage where the previous proceedings have stopped; and

ii) direct the respondent to pay the costs.

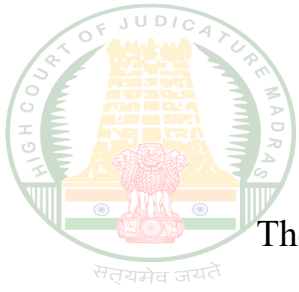
For Petitioner(s):

Mr. D. Senthilkumar

For Respondent(s):

Mr.Anish Gopi for

M/s.P.B.Ramanujam Associates

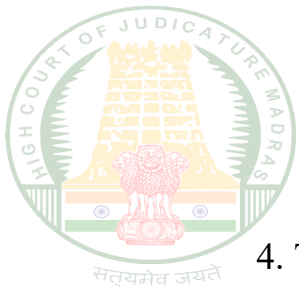


ORDER

The application had been taken out by the claimant under Section 15(2) to substitute the Arbitrator, who was earlier appointed by this Court.

2. This Court by its order dated 19.03.2024 had appointed Hon'ble Mrs.Justice Chitra Venkatraman, Retired Judge of this Court to enter upon reference to resolve the dispute between the parties. Thereafter, the proceedings had been continued and it is informed that the pleadings have been completed. However, the learned counsel for the respondent sought indulgence of this Court to permit to file additional pleadings.

3. At that juncture, when the proceeding was taken on 28.08.2025, the learned Arbitrator, who was appointed, expressing her inability to hear the case for the reasons recorded therein wanted to recuse herself and terminate the mandate. On the Minutes that has been recorded on 04.09.2024, the present application had been filed. In view of the learned Arbitrator appointed by this Court had recused herself for the reasons stated in the order dated 04.09.2024, this Court discharges her as Arbitrator and appoints Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.Suresh Kumar, Retired Judge of this Court residing at P-Block, 2nd Floor, 6th Flat, Taisha-2, TNHB Complex, West Natesan Nagar, Virugambakkam, Chennai-600 092, Mobile No.9444-087-353 and he would be entitled to fix his fees.



4. The learned Arbitrator is requested to proceed from the stage where the proceedings have stopped in the arbitration proceedings.

5. The learned Arbitrator, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Chitra Venkatraman, Retired Judge of this Court, appointed earlier is also requested to transmit the records of the proceedings to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.Suresh Kumar, Retired Judge of this Court as expeditiously as possible, on receipt of this order.

6. Registry is directed to send a copy to

- (1) Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Chitra Venkatraman, Retired Judge of Madras High Court, residing at Old No.17-B, New No.31, IV Main Road, R.A.Puram, Chennai-600 028, Mobile No. 9840990000, Landline No.044-24355679; and
- (2) Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.Suresh Kumar, Retired Judge of Madras High Court residing at P-Block, 2nd Floor, 6th Flat, Taisha-2, TNHB Complex, West Natesan Nagar, Virugambakkam, Chennai-600 092, Mobile No.9444-087-353.

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