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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

ARB-88-2026

Date of decision: 24.03.2026

SARDAR SINGH AND OTHERS

...Applicant(s)

VERSUS

M/S DLF UTILITIES LIMITED

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Dr. Anand K. Bishnoi, Advocate
for the applicants.

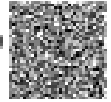
Mr. Kunal Dawar, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Shruti Mandhotra, Advocate
for the respondent.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present application has been filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') seeking appointment of an independent Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes and differences which have arisen between the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the applicants submitted that there was a development agreement between the parties vide Annexure P-1 dated 05.08.2011, which contains an arbitration clause i.e. Clause 29 providing for the appointment of an Arbitrator to be nominated by the party of the second part i.e. the respondent but the same being unilateral in nature cannot be given effect to.

He further submitted that since a dispute arose between the parties, the



applicants invoked the aforesaid arbitration clause by issuing a notice dated 08.01.2026 (Annexure P-4), to which a reply was received and the respondent proposed its own Arbitrator, which was not acceptable to the applicant and therefore, as the mechanism has failed, the present application has been filed seeking appointment of an independent Arbitrator.

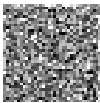
3. On the other hand, Mr. Kunal Dawar, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent submitted that he has specific instructions to state that the respondent has no objection in case any independent Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court to adjudicate the disputes which have arisen between the parties since there is no dispute with regard to the existence of the arbitration clause and invocation of the said arbitration clause by way of issuance of a notice vide Annexure P-4.

4. In view of the above, the present application is allowed. Mrs. Justice Sneha Prashar, a former Judge of this Court, resident of House No.482, Sector-2, Panchkula, Haryana, Mobile No.-8558809939, is nominated as the Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties, subject to compliance of statutory provisions including Section 12 of the Act.

5. Parties are directed to appear before the learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed and communicated by the learned Arbitrator at her convenience.

6. Fee shall be paid to the learned Arbitrator in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Arbitration Act, as amended.

7. Learned Arbitrator is also requested to complete the proceedings as per the time limit prescribed under Section 29-A of the Act.



8. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Mrs. Justice Sneh Prashar, a former Judge of this Court.

24.03.2026
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No