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

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ARB-96-2026 (O&M)**Date of Decision:06.04.2026**

M/S Datar Security Service Group

.....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Bus Stand Management Company Ltd.

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. D.S. Bhinder, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil Batra, Advocate for respondent.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI J.(Oral)

1. The present is a petition filed under Section 11 (6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), seeking appointment of a sole arbitrator in the present case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a valid agreement (Annexure P-1) was entered into between the parties, being a deed of agreement for outsource conductor, which contains an arbitration clause, i.e. Clause No. 49, providing for appointment of a Sole Arbitrator in case any dispute or difference arises between the parties. He further submitted that since a dispute arose between the parties, the petitioner served a notice dated 19.01.2026 upon the respondent vide Annexure P-3 for invoking the arbitration clause, but no response was received from the



respondent. Therefore, he submitted that this Hon'ble Court may appoint a sole arbitrator for adjudicating the dispute.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Sahil Batra, Advocate, appearing on behalf of respondent submitted that on the last date of hearing he had appeared and today he has filed his Power of Attorney and prayed that the same be taken on record. The request made by learned counsel appearing for the respondent is accepted and the Power of Attorney is taken on record. He further submitted, on instructions, that the respondent has no objection to the appointment of an independent and impartial Sole Arbitrator for adjudication of the dispute, as there is no dispute with regard to existence of an arbitration clause and its invocation. He, however, submitted that the respondent may be permitted to raise all legally permissible pleas before the learned Arbitrator at an appropriate stage.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances and the statement made by learned counsel for the respondent, the present petition is allowed.

5. At this stage, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that vide order dated 08.01.2026 passed in case bearing No.ARB-748-2025, arising out of another agreement between the same parties, this Court had appointed an Arbitrator, a former Judge of this Court and prayed that considering the convenience of the parties, the same Arbitrator may be appointed in the present case.

6. Learned counsel for the respondent submits that he has no objection to the appointment of the same Arbitrator who was appointed in



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the aforesaid matter i.e. ARB-748-2025.

7. In view of the above, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.S. Sullar, a former Judge of this Court, resident of Kothi No.R1/B510-511 DLF Hyde Park, New Chandigarh, District Mohali, Mobile No.9780008105, E-mail ID-HMJmssullar@gmail.com 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.

8. Liberty is granted to the respondent to raise all legally permissible pleas in accordance with law before the learned Arbitrator at the appropriate stage.

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

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

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

12 A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.S. Sullar, a former Judge of this Court.

06.04.2026*shweta***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No