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

ARB-99-2026

Date of decision: 16.04.2026

SHYAM BABU GOEL AND OTHERS

...Applicant(s)

VERSUS**TULA HOSPITAL AND ANOTHER**

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

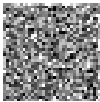
Present:- Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate for the applicants.

Mr. Gaurav Sadana, Advocate for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present application has been filed under Section 11(6) 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 lease deed between the parties which has been attached along with the present arbitration case as Annexure P-1. He further submitted that the aforesaid lease deed contains an arbitration clause i.e. Clause 23.4, which provides that a dispute which cannot be resolved by negotiations shall be referred to arbitration by a Sole Arbitrator to be appointed jointly by the parties. He also submitted that a dispute arose between the parties and the applicants invoked the aforesaid arbitration clause by issuing a notice dated 27.11.2025 (Annexure P-4) but no response was received from the respondents and therefore, the present application has been filed seeking appointment of an independent Arbitrator.



3. On the other hand, Mr. Gaurav Sadana, learned counsel for the respondents submitted that on the last date of hearing i.e. 19.03.2026, he had filed his power of attorney and sought time to seek instructions in the present case. He further submitted that he has specific instructions to state that the respondents have no objection in case any independent Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court to adjudicate the disputes which have arisen between the parties.

4. In view of the above, the present application is allowed. Mrs. Justice Meenakshi I. Mehta, a former Judge of this Court, resident of House No.358, Sector-2, MDC, Panchkula (Haryana), mobile No.-9416877277, e-mail ID-mimehta1964@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.

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 Meenakshi I. Mehta, a former Judge of this Court.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

16.04.2026
Chetan Thakur

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