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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

ARB-139-2026(O&M)

Date of Decision: 16.04.2026

DEVYANI INTERNATIONAL LTD.

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

M/S BALAJI CATERERS

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Shivan Grover, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate, for the respondent.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)**CM-7227-CII-2026**

The present application has been filed for placing on record
Annexures A-2 and A-3.

For the reasons recorded in the application, the same is allowed.
Annexures A-2 and A-3 are taken on record subject to all just exceptions.

Main case

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') praying for appointment of an independent Sole Arbitrator.
2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that there is an agreement (Annexure P-1) between the parties, which



contains an arbitration clause at paragraph No.10.12, which provides for a dispute resolution and Court jurisdiction and as per the aforesaid clause, it has been provided that the parties shall ensure to resolve all their disputes in relation to the said agreement amicably through a Sole Arbitrator to be appointed mutually, pursuant to the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. He further submitted that since a dispute arose between the parties, the petitioner issued a notice to the respondents vide Annexure P-11 dated 19.02.2026 invoking the aforesaid arbitration clause and also proposed the name of an Arbitrator to which the respondents filed their reply, wherein the respondent did not agree to the name of the proposed Arbitrator by the petitioner and the respondent proposed the name of another Arbitrator, which is not agreeable to the petitioner and therefore, the present application has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Act for appointment of an independent Sole Arbitrator by this Court.

3. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent submitted that on the last date of hearing i.e. 07.04.2026, he had sought some time to seek instructions from the respondent. He submitted that today he has sought instructions to state that the respondent has no objection in case an independent Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court as there is no dispute with regard to the agreement between the parties vide Annexure P-1, the existence of an arbitration clause and the notice issued by the petitioner vide Annexure P-11 dated 19.02.2026.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. Mr. Justice Jasbir Singh, a former Judge of this Court, resident of House No.839, Sector-16, Chandigarh, mobile No.-9780008106,



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 his 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 Mr. Justice Jasbir Singh, a former Judge of this Court.

16.04.2026

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

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