



ARB-308-2025 with connected case

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

ARB-308-2025

Date of Decision: 29.01.2026

M/s Cross Word Hospitality and others

.... Applicants

Versus

Ravinder Pal Singh and another

..... Respondents

ARB-8-2026

Ravinder Pal Singh

.... Applicant

Versus

M/s Cross Word Hospitality and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Pardhuman Garg, Advocate,
for the applicants in ARB-308-2025 and
for the respondents in ARB-8-2026.

Mr. Munish Kumar Garg, Advocate &
Mr. Shubham Malik, Advocate,
for the applicant in ARB-8-2026 and
for the respondents in ARB-308-2025.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. Mr. Munish Kumar Garg, learned counsel for the applicants in ARB-308-2025 submitted that in compliance of the order dated 12.12.2025, the costs of ₹10,000/- have been deposited by the applicants in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Bar Clerks Association, Chandigarh since the payment could not be forwarded to the authority to whom the costs were so required to be deposited. He submitted that with the aforesaid modification of the authority, the matter may be considered. He has also produced a copy of the receipt of the aforesaid payment in Court today.

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2. The request of learned counsel for the applicants in ARB-308-2025 is accepted and the deposit of the aforesaid costs by the applicants in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Bar Clerks Association, Chandigarh is also accepted.

3. Both the applications have been filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') and are taken up together for final disposal with the consent of learned counsels for the parties since the Partnership Deed in both the cases are same and in fact these are the cross-cases filed by both the parties. The prayer in both the applications is for appointment of an independent Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes pertaining to the same Partnership Deed which have arisen between the parties.

4. Both the learned counsels for the parties have submitted that a Partnership Deed was executed between the parties which contains a valid arbitration clause. He further submitted that since the mechanism for appointment of an Arbitrator has failed and the parties are not able to arrive at a consensus for appointment of an Arbitration, this Court may appoint any independent Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the dispute which has arisen between the parties.

5. In view of the above, both the applications are allowed. Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Senior Advocate, resident of House No.174, Sector 21-A, Chandigarh, Mobile No.9872503300, Email id. vchatrath@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.

6. Parties are directed to appear before learned Arbitrator on date,



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time and place to be fixed and communicated by the learned Arbitrator at his convenience.

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

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

9. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Senior Advocate.

29.01.2026

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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |