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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

ARB-630-2025(O&amp;M)

Date of Decision: 24.03.2026

VIKRAM CHAWLA AND ANOTHER

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

MOHIT NARANG AND ANOTHER

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Ambhanshu Sahni, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.  
(Through Video Conferencing).

Mr. Mahir Sood, Advocate,  
for the respondents.

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**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)****CM-6327-CII-2026**

The present applicaton has been filed under Order IX Rule 7 of  
the Code of Civil Procedure for setting aside the *ex parte* proceedings dated  
07.03.2026.

Notice in the application.

Mr. Ambhanshu Sahni, Advocate has appeared on behalf of the  
petitioners through video conferencing and submitted that he has no  
objection in case the present application is allowed because now the  
respondents have appeared.



In view of the above, the present application is allowed. The *ex parte* proceedings against the respondents are set aside. The respondents are now permitted to join the proceedings.

**Main case**

1. Mr. Mahir Sood, Advocate has submitted that his vakalatnama has already been filed alongwith the aforesaid application.

2. The present petition has been filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') praying for appointment of a Sole Arbitrator.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner through video conferencing submitted that there is a lease agreement between the petitioners and the respondents vide Annexure P-1, in which there exists an arbitration clause in the nature of dispute redressal at paragraph No.33 which provides that in case of a dispute, a Sole Arbitrator shall be appointed and the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. He submitted that since a dispute arose between the parties, the petitioners invoked the aforesaid arbitration clause by sending a notice to the respondents vide Annexure P-11 dated 04.08.2025 but no response was received from the respondents and therefore, the present petition has been filed seeking appointment of an independent Sole Arbitrator.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Mahir Sood, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents submitted that he has instructions to state that the respondents have no objection in case any independent Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court in view of the fact that there is no dispute with regard to the existence of the aforesaid arbitration clause in the lease

agreement and the invocation thereof by way of issuance of notice vide Annexure P-11.

4. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. Sh. Balbir Singh, District & Sessions Judge (Retd.), resident of # 385, IAS-PCS Society, Mullanpur, New Chandigarh, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab, mobile No.-8558800204, 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 Sh. Balbir Singh, District & Sessions Judge (Retd.).

24.03.2026

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JUDGE

Whether speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No