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

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ARB-728-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision :15.05.2026

Delhivery Limited

...Applicant

VERSUS

Corp Attire (Through its Partners)

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Abhijeet Singh Rawaley, Advocate and
Mr. Ishwinder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sauman S. Gill, Advocate for the respondent.

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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 applicant submitted that there is valid delivery services agreement between the parties vide Annexure P-3, which contains a dispute resolution clause at clause No.19 pertaining to the appointment of a sole arbitrator in case the dispute is not amicably resolved by the parties within 15 days of being brought to their attention. He also submitted that since a dispute arose between the parties, the applicant invoked the aforesaid arbitration clause by issuing a notice dated 13.01.2023 (Annexure P-8), proposing the name of an Arbitrator, to which a reply was

received through e-mail, wherein the respondent denied the claim and stated that the Sole Arbitrator so proposed by the applicant is not acceptable and therefore, the present application has been filed seeking appointment of an independent sole Arbitrator.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Sauman S. Gill, Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondent submitted that he has specific instructions to state that the respondent has no objection in case any independent Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court as there is neither any dispute with regard to existence of the contract nor the arbitration clause and it is also not disputed that the applicant invoked the arbitration clause by issuing a notice vide Annexure P-8. He has however submitted that liberty may be granted to the respondent to raise all the legally permissible pleas in accordance with law before the learned Arbitrator at an appropriate stage.

4. In view of the above, the present application is allowed. Ms. Geeta Rani @ Geeta Sharma Advocate, resident of H. No. 119, Sector 11-A, Chandigarh, mobile No, 98156-15176, e-mail ID-geetasharma.adv@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. Liberty is granted to the respondent to take all the legally permissible pleas available to it in accordance with law before the learned Arbitrator at an appropriate stage.

6. 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.

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 Act.
9. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Ms. Geeta Rani @ Geeta Sharma Advocate.
10. Pending application(s), if any, is/are disposed of.

May 15, 2026
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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Speaking
Whether reportable : Yes/No