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

ARB-770-2025

Date of decision: 16.04.2026

AHLUWALIA CONTRACTS (INDIA) LIMITED

...Applicant(s)

VERSUS

ADVANCE INDIA PROJECTS LIMITED

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Rahul Chadha, Advocate
for the applicant.

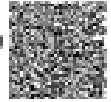
Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate
for the respondent.

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 was an agreement between the parties in respect of which a dispute arose and a separate arbitration case bearing No.ARB-766-2025 was filed by the applicant under Section 11(6) of the Act, which has been allowed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 27.03.2026 and a Sole Arbitrator has been appointed.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that so far as the present arbitration case is concerned, subsequent to the main agreement in

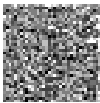


which a Sole Arbitrator has already been appointed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, the same parties entered into a supplementary agreement/work order vide Annexure A-1 for balance civil and structure works, which is the subject matter of the present case. He further submitted that the aforesaid agreement also contains an arbitration clause i.e. Clause 46, which provides for settlement of disputes and arbitration and therefore, any independent Sole Arbitrator may be appointed by this Court and has prayed that the same learned Arbitrator appointed in the aforesaid arbitration case by a Coordinate Bench of this Court may also be appointed in the present case.

4. On the other hand, Mr. Sandeep Verma, learned counsel for the respondent submitted that the submissions made by the learned counsel for the applicant are correct and he has no objection in case the same learned Sole Arbitrator, who has been appointed in the aforesaid arbitration case by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, is appointed in the present case as well.

5. In view of the above, the present application is allowed. Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar, a former Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, resident of House No.79, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh, 2nd Address: C-44, LGF, Neeti Bagh, New Delhi, mobile No.-9888824752, 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 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 Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar, a former Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir.

16.04.2026
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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