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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

ARB-782-2025(O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.03.2026

(1)
FRANCORP ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

HAIR MASTERS SALON PRIVATE LIMITED

.....Respondent(s)

ARB-25-2026(O&M)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr.Paras Choudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner in ARB-782-2025 and
for the respondent in ARB-25-2026.

Mr. Alankar Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioner in ARB-25-2026 and
for the respondent in ARB-782-2025.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. Both the petitions are taken up together for final disposal.
2. Arbitration case No. 25 of 2026 has been filed by Hair Masters
Salon Private Limited against Francorp Advisor Private Limited seeking



appointment of a Sole Arbitrator in pursuance of the agreement (Annexure P-1) between the parties, which contains an arbitration clause i.e. clause 20, whereas arbitration case No. 782 of 2025 has been filed by Francorp Advisor Private Limited against the Hair Masters Salon Private Limited. In this way, cross petitions have been filed and the parties in both the cases are the same.

3. In arbitration case No. 25 of 2026, Mr. Alankar Narula, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that there exists an agreement between the petitioner and the respondent, which contains an arbitration clause i.e. Clause 20, which provides that any dispute arising between the parties shall be referred to a Sole Arbitrator under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. He submitted that since a dispute arose between the parties, the petitioner invoked the aforesaid arbitration clause by issuance of a notice under Section 21 of the Act dated 11.12.2025 (Annexure P-2) and proposed the name of an Arbitrator. However, the respondent replied to the aforesaid notice vide Annexure P-3 in which they declined the proposal and did not accept the name of the proposed Arbitrator and therefore, all the conditions necessary for appointment of an Arbitrator under Section 11 of the Act stands fulfilled.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent in the aforesaid arbitration case No.25 of 2026 has submitted that the respondent has no objection in case an independent Sole Arbitrator is appointed by this Court. He further submitted that rather the respondent had already filed a separate application in arbitration No.782 of 2025 in this regard.

5. Both the learned counsels for the parties have made a joint submission that since both the parties are agreed for the appointment of a Sole Arbitrator, the same may be appointed by this Court.



6. Considering that the dispute and the subject matter in both the petitions are the same, it would be appropriate that a common Sole Arbitrator be appointed to adjudicate the disputes between the parties.
7. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, both the petitions are allowed. Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate, resident of H.No. 2055, Sector 15-C, Chandigarh Mobile No. 9815393333, E-mail: ALKACHATRATH@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.
8. 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.
9. Fee shall be paid to the learned Arbitrator in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Arbitration Act, as amended.
10. Learned Arbitrator is also requested to complete the proceedings as per the time limit prescribed under Section 29-A of the Act.
11. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate.

11.03.2026

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JUDGE

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