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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **ARB.P. 172/2026**

AADHAR STUMBH INFRA PVT. LTD.Petitioner

Through: Mr. Abhishek Semwal, Adv.

versus

ORIENT ELECTRIC LIMITEDRespondent

Through: Mr. Angad Singh Dugal, Mr. Govind Singh Grewal, Mr. Jagtej Singh Kang and Mr. Pranav Chadha, Adv.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

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17.02.2026

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [in short, 'Act'] seeking appointment of a Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties under the Purchase Order dated 02.05.2024. Clause 27 of the said purchase order provides for resolution of disputes by a Sole Arbitrator.
2. The disputes having arisen between the parties, the petitioner invoked arbitration *vide* notice dated 25.06.2025 under Section 21 of the Act, followed by another notice dated 27.10.2025 pointing out revised claims.
3. Mr. Angad Singh Dugal, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent does not dispute the arbitration clause, as well as, the jurisdiction of this Court.
4. However, he contends that the matter may be referred to mediation for exploring amicable resolution to the disputes.



5. Accordingly, without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties, the matter is referred to the mediation under the aegis of Delhi High Court Mediation & Conciliation Centre [in short, 'Centre'] to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement.
6. The parties are directed to appear before the Centre on 24.02.2026 at 03.00 P.M.
7. In case no settlement is arrived at between the parties within a period of four weeks or such further extended time as the parties may jointly agree, the matter shall stand referred to arbitration.
8. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with the following directions:
 - (i) The disputes between the parties under the said purchase order will stand referred to the Arbitral Tribunal comprising of a Sole Arbitrator if parties are unable to reach an amicable settlement within four weeks or till the further extended time as the parties may agree.
 - (ii) Mr. Anil Kumar Chunduru, Advocate [Enrolment no.D-52/89] (Mobile No: 9811335435, Email: chunduruaniladvocate@gmail.com) is appointed as the Sole Arbitrator, to adjudicate the disputes between the parties.
 - (iii) The arbitration will be held under the aegis of the Delhi International Arbitration Centre, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi [hereinafter, referred to as the 'DIAC']. The remuneration of the learned Arbitrator shall be in terms of DIAC (Administrative Cost and Arbitrators' Fees) Rules, 2018 or as the parties may agree.
 - (iv) The learned Arbitrator shall furnish a declaration in terms of Section 12 of the Act prior to entering upon the reference.



- (v) It is made clear that all the rights and contentions of the parties are left open for adjudication by the learned arbitrator.
- (vi) The parties shall approach the DIAC within two weeks thereafter, in case of failure to reach an amicable settlement.

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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VIKAS MAHAJAN, J