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

+ **ARB.P. 507/2026**

P. K. SHEFI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Apoorv Kurup, Sr. Adv. with Mr.
Jitender Mehta & Mr. Lalit Kumar,
Advs.

versus

**INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM
CORPORATION LIMITED**

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Chandan Kumar & Mr. Vikram
Sharma, Advs.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

ORDER

05.05.2026

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1. The present petition is filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short 'the Act') for appointment of an arbitrator.
2. The brief facts are that the petitioner was the successful bidder in the E-Tender issued by the respondent for "Setting up, Operation And Management of Food Plaza at New Delhi Railway Station". On 26.12.2016, the respondent issued the Letter of Award which was accepted by the petitioner vide Letter of Acceptance dated 28.12.2016. Disputes arose between the parties to the *lis*. The petitioner by letter dated 02.01.2026 initiated arbitration proceedings invoking Clause 11 of the Tender Document. On failure to do the needful, the present petition was filed.
3. Learned counsel for the respondent contends that there is no



mechanism provided for arbitration.

4. Accordingly, the petition is allowed by appointing Ms. Sabina, High Court Judge (Retd.) (Mobile No.: 9780008138) as the sole arbitrator for adjudication of the disputes which have arisen between the parties.

5. The fees of the learned Arbitrator will be governed by Schedule IV of the Act. Before entering upon reference, the learned Arbitrator will comply with Section 12 of the Act.

6. It is made clear that since this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the rival claims of the parties, it will be open for the parties to file their respective claims/counter claims before the learned Arbitrator which will be considered in accordance with law.

7. A copy of this order be forwarded to the learned Arbitrator for information.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J

MAY 5, 2026

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