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

+ **ARB.P. 530/2026**

PIYUSH GAMBHIR

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Bibin Manuel, Mr. Salman Khan,
Mr. Akshit Shah, Advocates
(M:9717008141)

versus

SORTING HAT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITEDRespondent

Through: None.

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER

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09.04.2026

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 ("Arbitration Act"), seeking appointment of an arbitrator.

2. Arbitration clause is contained in the Educator Agreement dated 29th January, 2025, which reads as under:

18. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India. In the event of any dispute arising out of, under, or in relation to, this Agreement, the Parties agree to submit such dispute to arbitration by a sole arbitrator appointed jointly by both Parties. Such arbitration shall be in accordance with the rules framed under the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (which rules are deemed to be incorporated in this Agreement by reference herein) and shall be held in Bangalore. All proceedings of such arbitration shall be in the English language. The arbitral awards rendered shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to any form of appeal. The successful Party may seek to enforce the award in an appropriate jurisdiction, including India. Courts in Bangalore shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any disputes arising out of, under, or in relation to, this Agreement.

3. Perusal of the aforesaid clause shows that it is categorically stipulated that the arbitration shall be held in Bangalore and further courts in Bangalore shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any disputes arising



out of or in relation to the said Agreement.

4. Accordingly, this Court is of the view that this Court will have no territorial jurisdiction.

5. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that liberty may be granted to them to approach the Court of territorial jurisdiction.

6. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn, with liberty to the petitioner to file appropriate petition before the Court of territorial jurisdiction.

APRIL 9, 2026/au

MINI PUSHKARNA, J