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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010205002026**

\+ ARB.P. 845/2026 I.A. 12956/2026

RAMESH CHAND .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. L.C. Rajput, Advocate.

versus

M/S LORDS CREATIVE INFRA SOLUTIONS THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR SH. HARDEEP SINGH .....Respondent

Through: Mr. Gagandeep Singh & Mr. Piyush Singh, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

O R D E R

% 27.10.2026

1. By way of the present petition under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [hereinafter, "the Act"], the petitioner seeks the appointment of an arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes arising between the parties out of the Agreement dated 20.02.2023 [hereinafter, "the Agreement"].

2. I have heard Mr. L.C. Rajput, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mr. Gagandeep Singh, learned counsel for the respondent.

3. Clause 9 of the Agreement provides for resolution of disputes through arbitration by a sole arbitrator to be appointed by mutual consent of the parties.

4. Disputes having arisen between the parties, the petitioner invoked

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arbitration *vide* notice dated 20.12.2025. The respondent replied to the said notice on 30.01.2026, without disputing the existence of the arbitration agreement.

5. During the course of hearing, Mr. Singh submits that the respondent is willing to explore an amicable resolution of the disputes through mediation. He further submits that, in the event the mediation proceedings do not result in a settlement, the disputes may be referred to arbitration under the aegis of the Delhi International Arbitration Centre ["DIAC"]. Mr. Rajput also agrees to the proposed course of action.

6. In view of the above, and with the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the petition is disposed of in the following terms:

a) The parties are referred to mediation under the aegis of *Samadhan*, Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre, Shershah Road, New Delhi – 110503.

b) The parties shall appear before the learned Mediator on 17.11.2026.

c) In the event that the mediation proceedings do not result in a settlement within the aforesaid period, either party shall be at liberty to approach DIAC, whereupon DIAC shall nominate a sole arbitrator from its panel to adjudicate the disputes between the parties.

d) The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of DIAC, including the provisions governing the remuneration of the learned Arbitrator.

e) The learned Arbitrator is requested to furnish a declaration in terms of Section 12 of the Act before entering upon the

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reference.

f) DIAC is requested to keep the appointment of the learned Arbitrator and commencement of the arbitral proceedings in abeyance for a period of six weeks from the date of this order, to enable the parties to explore an amicable settlement through mediation.

g) In the event that the parties jointly seek an extension of time to pursue mediation, DIAC may consider such request in accordance with its applicable Rules.

7. All rights and contentions of the parties, including those concerning the arbitrability of the disputes, and on merits, are left open for consideration in accordance with law. This Court has expressed no opinion on these aspects.

8. The petition, alongwith any pending applications, stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

OCTOBER 27, 2026
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