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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010206722026**

\+ ARB.P. 850/2026

PCL STICCO JV .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Arjun Singh and Mr. Sachu G., Advocates.

versus

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA .....Respondent

Through: Mr. Alok Kumar Jain, Mr. Ashok Gurnani, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

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% 09.10.2026

I.A. 28131/2026 (*for early hearing*)

This is an application for early hearing of the captioned petition.

With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the application is allowed, and the petition is taken up for hearing.

The application stands disposed of.

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1. The petition concerns appointment of an Arbitrator in lieu of the nominee Arbitrator of the respondent – National Highways Authority of India ["NHAI"], for the purposes of adjudication of disputes under an Agreement dated 20.08.2001.

2. The three-member Arbitral Tribunal was constituted in the year

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2012. However, the Arbitrator nominated by NHAI passed away on 25.03.2026, as informed to the parties by an order of the Presiding Arbitrator dated 26.03.2026.

3. As the substitute Arbitrator has since been appointed by NHAI on 04.05.2026, Mr. Arjun Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner, upon instructions from the petitioner, does not press this petition.

4. Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of as not pressed.

5. I am informed that the arbitral proceedings have been ongoing since the year 2012, and are now at the stage of final arguments on behalf of the petitioner herein, which is the respondent in the arbitral proceedings.

6. Having regard to the extraordinary length of the arbitral proceedings, the learned Arbitral Tribunal is requested to ensure that the proceedings are concluded as expeditiously as possible. Learned counsel for the parties assure the Court that they will cooperate in this endeavour.

7. The next date of hearing already fixed, i.e. 26.11.2026, stands cancelled.

8. It is made clear that all rights and contentions of the parties on merits are left open for adjudication by the Arbitral Tribunal.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

OCTOBER 9, 2026
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