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

+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 426/2026

INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIAPetitioner

Through: Mr. A P Singh and Mr. Naman
Saraswat, Advs.

versus

M/S HALDIA NIRMAN PROJECTS PVT LTDRespondent

Through: Mr. Abhishek Pareek, Advocate

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

29.05.2026

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1. The present Petition under Section 29A(4) & (5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has been filed by the Petitioner for extending the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.
2. Material on record indicates that the Arbitral Tribunal was constituted by this Court *vide* Order dated 25.01.2024 in ARB.P.774/2023. The mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal is being extended from time to time and last such extension was granted by this Court *vide* Order dated 26.06.2025 by which this Court had extended the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal till 15.04.2026. Since the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal has expired on 15.04.2026, the present Petition has been filed for extending the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.
3. It is stated that the Award has been reserved on 24.12.2025 and, therefore, the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal be extended.



4. Learned Counsel appearing for the Respondent on advance notice states that the Respondent does not have any objection to the present Petition.

5. The Apex Court in Rohan Builders (India) Private Limited v. Berger Paints India Limited, **2024 SCC OnLine SC 2494**, has held that an application for extension of the time period for passing an arbitral award under Section 29A(4) read with Section 29A(5) is maintainable even after the expiry of the twelve-month or the extended six-month period, as the case may be.

6. In view of the facts of the present case, this Court is inclined to regularize the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal from 15.04.2026 till today and extend the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal till 01.12.2026, so that the award can be pronounced.

7. The petition is disposed of, along with the pending applications, if any.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

MAY 29, 2026

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