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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010255382026**

\+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 436/2026

M / S ROHTAK HISSAR TOLLWAY PRIVATE LIMITED

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Dinesh Moorjani and Mr. Shivansh Agarwal, Advocates.

versus

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA .....Respondent

Through: Ms. Gunjan Sinha Jain and Mr. Utkarsh, Advocates for NHAI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

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% 05.10.2026

I.A. 27571/2026 (Early hearing)

1. This is an application under Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, filed on behalf of the petitioner seeking early hearing of the application.

2. For the reasons stated therein, the application is allowed. The matter is being taken up today for hearing.

3. The application is disposed of.

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4. This is a petition under Section 29A(4) & (5) of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 seeking extension of mandate of the learned Arbitral Tribunal, which is stated to have expired on 02.05.2026.

5. Ms. Gunjan Sinha Jain, learned counsel appearing for the respondent-National Highways Authority of India has filed a reply. She states that the respondent has no objection in case the mandate of the learned Arbitral

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Tribunal is extended. However, she also submits that on 30.04.2026 i.e. the last date of proceedings before the learned Arbitral Tribunal, the Arbitral Tribunal indicated for deposit of additional reading fee and fee for preparation of Award, to which the respondent may have its objection. She states that the mandate may be extended, however, her right to raise this issue before the Arbitral Tribunal may be reserved.

6. Since the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal expired on 02.05.2026, the time period between 02.05.2026 till date, is regularised.

7. In view of the aforesaid statement, the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal is extended for a further period of nine months from date, however, reserving the right of the respondent to raise the aforesaid issue before the learned Tribunal, which may decide the aspect it on its own merits.

8. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and disposed of.

9. The date already fixed i.e. 29.10.2026 stands cancelled.

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

OCTOBER 5, 2026
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