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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010353372026**

\+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 588/2026

DILIP BUILDCON LIMITED AND MOSTOBUDIVELNYI ZAHIN NO 112 JOINT VENTURE .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Harish Malik, Advocate

versus

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS .....Respondent

Through: Mr. A P Singh, Mr. Naman Saraswat, Advocates

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

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I.A. 20897/2026 *(for exemption)*

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

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1. By way of the present petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [hereinafter, "the Act"], the petitioner seeks an extension of the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal, which is seized of the disputes between the parties arising out of an Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement dated 02.05.2016.

2. The Arbitral Tribunal was constituted, and its first sitting was held on 01.06.2024. The arbitral proceedings are presently at the stage of the

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claimant's evidence. The mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal expired on 29.03.2026, pursuant to which the petitioner has approached this Court seeking an extension thereof.

3. Mr. A.P. Singh, learned counsel for the respondent, submits that although the respondent has no objection to the extension of the mandate, the parties ought to forego their claims to interest for the extended period. I am of the view that the question of entitlement to interest for the extended period may appropriately be left open for consideration by the Arbitral Tribunal at the conclusion of the proceedings. Accordingly, no further observation in this regard is warranted at this stage.

4. In view of the above, and with the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the petition is allowed. The mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal is extended by a period of one year from today. The intervening period is also regularised.

5. The petition, alongwith the pending applications, if any, stands disposed of in the above terms.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

NOVEMBER 2, 2026
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