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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010480142026**

\+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 788/2026

HARIDWAR HIGHWAYS PROJECT LIMITED .....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Sushmita Gandhi, Mr. Mohit Rohatfi, Ms. Sanaya Patel, Ms. Samriddhi Shukla, Mr. Karan Trehan, Ms. Kritika Garg, Ms. Aditi Nemakal and Mr. Abhishek Periwal, Advs.

versus

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA & ANR. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ritik Dwivedi and Mr. Dharitry Phookan, Advs. for R-1.
Mr. Rushil Anand and Ms. Ayushi Goyal, Advs. for R-2.

**CORAM:**
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN**

**O R D E R**

**% 28.10.2026**

1. Present petition filed under Section 29A (4) & (5) of Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996, seeks extension of mandate of Arbitral Tribunal in question.

2. The mandate has already expired on 03.10.2026.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner and learned counsel for respondent No. 1 submit that M/s. Era Infra Engineering Limited has sought its impleadment and vide order dated 23.03.2026, passed by this Court in ARB. A. (COMM.) 47/2025, said party (respondent No.2 herein) has been held to be a proper and necessary party and has been directed to be impleaded.

4. Such order has, however, been challenged by the claimant by filing a



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Special Leave to Appeal, which is pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed the parties to maintain *status quo*, with direction to Arbitral Tribunal to adjourn the proceedings to a date beyond the date given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. On the last date, the learned counsel for respondent no. 1 had appeared and had given his *no objection* to the extension of the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.

6. The notice was issued to respondent no. 2 and pursuant to such notice, Mr. Rushil Anand, learned counsel for respondent no. 2 has put in appearance today and states that as per instructions, which he has received from respondent no. 2, even respondent no. 2 would have *no objection* if the petition is allowed and the mandate of the learned Arbitral Tribunal is extended.

7. Keeping in mind the overall facts and for the reasons assigned in the application and also keeping in mind the *'no objection'* given by the respondents, the present petition is disposed of with the direction that the mandate of the learned Arbitral Tribunal stands extended for a period of one year, to be reckoned from 03.10.2026. The interregnum period also stands regularized.

8. The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

**MANOJ JAIN, J**

**OCTOBER 28, 2026*/A/sk***



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