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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 20.11.2024

Ankit Bansal

...Applicant

Versus

The Patiala Development Authority and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. R.K. Girdhar, Advocate for the applicant

Mr. Harsh Aggarwal, Advocate for the respondents

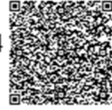
JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through instant application under Section 11 read with Section 12 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '1996 Act'), the applicant is seeking appointment of an Arbitrator.

2. Pursuant to tender, the applicant was allotted work vide allotment letter dated 09.11.2021 (Annexure A/2) by the respondent. A dispute erupted between the parties. There is an arbitration clause in the General Conditions of Contract. The allotment of work, arbitration clause in General Conditions of Contract and service of notice under Section 21 of 1996 Act is not disputed.

3. Reply dated 20.11.2024 filed by Parminder Singh, Divisional Engineer (Civil), Patiala Development Authority on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 is taken on record subject to just exceptions. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

4. Learned State counsel submits that he leaves it to this Court to make appointment of an independent Arbitrator.



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5. Conditions to invoke power conferred by Section 11(6) of 1996 Act stand satisfied, thus, I hereby appoint a sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties.

6. Mr. J.S. Klar, District & Sessions Judge (Retd.), residing at House No.210, Manjit Nagar, Bhadson Road, Patiala, Mobile No.9779568636 is hereby appointed as a Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties, subject to compliance of statutory requirements. The learned Arbitrator is requested to comply with mandate of Section 12 of 1996 Act before proceeding further.

7. Parties are directed to appear before the learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed by the Arbitrator at his convenience.

8. The Arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Act, as amended.

9. The Arbitrator is requested to complete the proceedings as per time limit specified under Section 29-A of the 1996 Act.

10. Needless to mention, parties would be at liberty to raise all the claims/defences/counter claims/pleas before the Arbitrator. Any observation made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.

11. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Mr. J.S. Klar.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

20.11.2024

Mohit Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No