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

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Date of Decision: 31.07.2025

Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

...Applicant

Versus

M/s Bhullar Rice Mill and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Harkirat Singh Randhawa, Advocate for the applicant

Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate for the respondents

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through instant application under Section 11(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '1996 Act'), the applicant is seeking appointment of an Arbitrator.
2. The parties entered into arbitration agreement dated 22.09.2023 (Annexure P-1). A dispute erupted between the parties. The applicant served notice upon the respondent seeking resolution of dispute through Arbitral Tribunal but to no avail.
3. Learned counsel for the respondents expressed his inability to controvert execution of arbitration agreement and service of notice.
4. 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.



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5. Mr. Justice Jaswant Singh, Former Chief Justice of Tripura High Court, residing at House No.197, Sector 19-A, Chandigarh- 160019, Mobile No.9780008136 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.

6. The parties at the first instance will appear before the Arbitrator on 18.08.2025 at 10:00 AM and thereafter, as directed by learned Arbitrator.

7. The Arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the 1996 Act, as amended.

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

9. 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.

10. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Mr. Justice Jaswant Singh.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

31.07.2025

Mohit Kumar

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