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

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Date of Decision: 17.09.2025

M/s Hardev Singh and Co.

...Applicant

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate,
Mr. Anubhav Bansal, Advocate and
Ms. Anju, Advocate, for the applicant
Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through instant application under Section 11 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 awarded work by the respondent vide letter dated 05.07.2010. Thereafter, an agreement dated 09.07.2010 was executed between the parties. 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 State counsel submits that the applicant has not complied with pre-arbitral conditions, thus, instant application is not maintainable.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that Arbitrator was appointed as per terms and conditions of contract. The respondent herein filed an application under Section 14(2) of 1996 Act before District Judge,



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Chandigarh seeking substitution of Arbitrator. The said application came to be disposed of vide order dated 17.04.2025 passed by learned Additional District Judge, Chandigarh. The application was disposed of on the ground that Arbitrator has passed away, thus, parties should avail remedy as permissible by law for pursuing the arbitration proceedings.

5. In the wake of order dated 17.04.2025 passed by learned Additional District Judge, Chandigarh, the respondent is supposed to raise the issues before the Arbitral Tribunal.

6. 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.

7. Mr. Krishanjit Singh, Former Chief Engineer, U.T., Chandigarh, residing at House No.140, Sector 40-A, Chandigarh, Mobile No.9814216762, E-mail kjsquare2@gmail.com 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.

8. The parties at the first instance will appear before the Arbitrator on 01.10.2025 at 10:00 AM and thereafter, as directed by learned Arbitrator.

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

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

11. Needless to mention, parties would be at liberty to raise all the claims/defences/counter claims/pleas before the Arbitrator. Any observation

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made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.

12. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Mr. Krishanjit Singh.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

17.09.2025*Mohit Kumar*

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