

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

ARB-226-2016 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 07.07.2017

Jagat Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

Food Corporation of India, Punjab Region, Chandigarh  
and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.J. VAZIFDAR, CHIEF JUSTICE**

Present:- Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate,  
for the respondents.

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**S.J. VAZIFDAR, C.J. (ORAL)**

This is a petition under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 for the appointment of an arbitrator.

2. The parties are unable to settle the matter even through the mediation of the Lok Adalat.

3. The arbitration agreement is admitted. Despite the arbitration clause, the parties have agreed that the reference be made to a sole arbitrator to be appointed by the Court and that the venue be either at Hoshiarpur or at Chandigarh as determined by the learned arbitrator.

4. The petition is, therefore, disposed of by appointing Mr. Justice G.C. Garg, a former Judge of this Court, as the sole arbitrator.

5. I am confident that in view of the facts and circumstances of the case including that the matter has been pending for a considerably long time and that the petitioner is

now 92 years old, the learned arbitrator will conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as possible.

**(S.J. VAZIFDAR)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**07.07.2017**

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