



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

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ARB-237-2025

Date of decision: 04.04.2025

FLEMINGO DUTYFREE SHOP PRIVATE LIMITED**....APPLICANT****Vs.****AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA AND ANR.****...RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: Mr. Pawan K Pahwa, Advocate
for the applicant.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate
for the respondents.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J (ORAL)

1. Through instant application under Section 29A(4) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '1996 Act'), the applicant is seeking extension of mandate of Arbitrator.
2. The applicant preferred an application under Section 11(6) of 1996 Act seeking appointment of an Arbitrator. By order dated 30.01.2023 (Annexure A-2) of this Court, a Sole Arbitrator was appointed to adjudicate the dispute between the parties. Both the parties appeared before the Arbitrator and filed their claims/counter claims. The mandate of Arbitrator in terms of Section 29A of 1996 Act would expire on 07.05.2025.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that Arbitrator was appointed by this Court, thus, this Court can extend mandate of Arbitrator. Matter is at the stage of arguments.

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4. Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate who on advance notice is present on behalf of the respondents, does not dispute the afore-stated factual and legal position as well prayer.

5. In the wake of statement of both sides, the present application is allowed and the mandate of Arbitrator is extended for a period of 6 months from 07.05.2025.

04.04.2025
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[JAGMOHAN BANSAL]
JUDGE

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