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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

ARB-396-2025

Date of Decision: 07.07.2025

ASHOK KUMAR

..... Applicant

*Versus*

STATE OF PUNJAB THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present : Mr. Amit Gupta, Advocate  
for the applicant.

Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

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**JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)**

1. Through instant application under Section 29A (4) & (5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '1996 Act'), the applicant is seeking extension of mandate of Arbitrator for a period of six months.
2. The applicant preferred an application under Section 11(6) of 1996 Act seeking appointment of an Arbitrator. By order dated 01.02.2023 (Annexure P-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 has expired.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that Arbitrator was appointed by this Court, thus, this Court can extend mandate of Arbitrator. Both the parties have filed claims/counter claims. The matter is at the stage of arguments.



4. Learned counsel for the respondent does not dispute the afore-stated factual, legal position and prayer of the applicant.

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 today.

**( JAGMOHAN BANSAL )**  
**JUDGE**

07.07.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No