

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

**Arbitration Case No. 256 of 2022
Date of decision: 25th January, 2023**

Hemant Kumar

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. R. K. Girdhar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Rajesh Mehta, Addl. AG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

This is a petition under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short, 'the Act') for appointment of an arbitrator for adjudication of disputes between the parties.

The petitioner was allotted tender for repairing katcha gaps and filling hollow joints. Clause 26 of the general terms and conditions provides for dispute resolution through arbitration.

There was a dispute between the parties.

The petitioner served notice dated 7.4.2022 for appointment of an arbitrator. On failure to do the needful, the present petition was filed.

Learned counsel for the parties agree to the appointment of Mr. Ashok Paul Batra, Additional District & Sessions Judge (Retd.)

Accordingly, the present petition is accordingly disposed of by appointing Mr. Ashok Paul Batra, Addl. District & Sessions Judge (Retd.), 171/172, Orbit Apartment, VIP Road, near Metro Mart, Zirakpur as the sole arbitrator subject to declaration to be made by him under Section 12 of the Act with regard to independence and impartiality to settle the

dispute between the parties.

The arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Act, as amended. The fee of the arbitrator will be equally borne by both the parties.

The arbitrator is requested to complete the proceedings as per time limit specified under Section 29A of the Act.

It is clarified that the reference shall be subject to the petitioner's complying with all the requirements of the agreement including the condition of pre-deposit.

Since the main case has been disposed of, pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

Copy of the order be sent to the appointed arbitrator.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

25th January, 2023

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| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |