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

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Date of Decision: 18.08.2025

**Bhambra Construction Company Private Limited****...Applicant**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: - Mr. Jagdeep Singh Rana, Advocate for the applicant

Mr. Chanchal K. Singla, Additional Advocate General, Punjab

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**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 bid of the applicant was accepted by the respondent vide letter dated 30.05.2023. A dispute erupted between the parties. There is an arbitration clause in General Conditions of Contract. The applicant served notice upon the respondent seeking resolution of dispute through Arbitral Tribunal but to no avail.

3. Reply filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

4. Learned State counsel expressed his inability to controvert existence of arbitration clause in General Conditions of Contract and service of notice.



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5. 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.

6. Mr. Sukhdev Singh, Retired Additional District & Sessions Judge, residing at House No. 2433, Sector-79, Mohali, Mobile No.9815294814 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.

7. The parties at the first instance will appear before the Arbitrator on 01.09.2025 at 10:00 AM and thereafter, as directed by learned Arbitrator.

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

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

10. Needless to mention, parties would be at liberty to raise all the claims/defences/counter claims/pleas before the Arbitrator. Any observation made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.

11. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Mr. Sukhdev Singh.

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

**18.08.2025**  
*Mohit Kumar*

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