

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

ARBITRATION PETITION NO.44/2026

BROADBAND TELECOM, INC.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

KUFRI HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. This petition has been filed under Section 11(6)(a) read with Section 11(12)(a) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (Act), for the appointment of a Sole Arbitrator.

2. The petitioner is a company that has been incorporated in California, USA, whereas the respondent is an Indian company based in Ahmedabad. It seems that both parties had initially suggested their respective arbitrators, but the suggestions were mutually unacceptable.

3. The petitioner had thus approached this Court, due to the prevailing difference of opinion with respect to the choice of the Arbitrator.

4. Upon notice being issued, the learned Senior Counsel/counsel for the parties have jointly submitted that Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, a Former Judge of this Court, be appointed as the sole Arbitrator. Ordered accordingly.

5. The parties are directed to contact the office of Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri for initiation of the formal proceedings. Since the respondent has not filed any counter affidavit, it is clarified that all the objections raised on its behalf are kept open and permitted to be raised before the learned Arbitrator.

6. The learned Arbitrator shall affix his

remuneration/fees keeping in view the Fourth Schedule of the Act.

7. The petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

.....J.
(V. MOHANA)

NEW DELHI;
JULY 16, 2026

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
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Petition(s) for Arbitration No(s).44/2026

BROADBAND TELECOM, INC.

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VERSUS

BANKAI INFOTECH LIMITED

Respondent(s)

IA No. 170278/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 16-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

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Ms. Sandali Gupta, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The petition is disposed of in terms of the signed order.
2. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR

(signed order is placed on the file)