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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

ARBR No. 38 of 2026

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd Through Shri Shubhabrata Khan, S/o Shri Samir Kumar Khan Working As Chief Regional Manager, H P C L, Raipur Address Raipur Retail Regional Office, L I C Invest Building, 4th Floor, Pandri, Raipur, Tahsil And District Raipur C.G.

... Applicant(s)

versus

1. M/s R.P. Friends Fuel, Through Prop./partner Ramprasad Baghel, S/o Shri Latelram Baghel, H P Petrol Pump, Village Pondi, S H-9, Tehsil Bodla, District Kawardha Cg 491995

2. Ramprasad Baghel S/o Shri Latelram Baghel, Prop./ Partner-M/s. R.P. Friends Fuel R/o 173, Satnami Para Pondi, Tehsil Bodla, District Kawardha C.G. 491995

...Respondent(s)

(Cause-title taken from Case Information System)

For Applicant : Mr. Ali Asgar, Advocate.
For Respondents : Mr. Rohit Sharma, Advocate.

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Hon'ble Shri Krushna Ram Mohapatra, Chief Justice

Order on Board

30.10.2026

1. Heard Mr. Ali Asgar, learned counsel for the applicant. Also heard Mr. Rohit Sharma, learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

2. Pursuant to the order dated 11.09.2026, the parties to the case appeared before the learned Mediator. However, the learned Mediator submitted a report indicating that the mediation has failed.

3. This arbitration request petition has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 (*for brevity, 'the Arbitration Act'*) for appointment of an Arbitrator.

4. The applicant is a Government of India undertaking and deals with petroleum products. The respondents are retail outlet dealers under the applicant. A Dealership Agreement was executed between the parties on 31.12.2012 (Annexure A/1). A dispute arose with regard to the business transaction arising out of the said Dealership Agreement under Annexure A/1. Clause 66 of the Dealership Agreement (Annexure A/1) provides for arbitration.

5. In view of the fact that the mediation between the parties has failed, learned counsel appearing for the parties suggested for appointment of a Sole Arbitrator to arbitrate the dispute.

6. On the consent of learned counsel for the parties, Shri Ashok Kumar Panda, retired District Judge, residing at Bilaspur, is appointed as the Sole Arbitrator to arbitrate the dispute arising out of the

Dealership Agreement at Raipur.

7. Relevant records shall be sent to Shri Ashok Kumar Panda, retired District Judge, for necessary action at his end.

8. The remuneration of the Arbitrator shall be settled with the mutual consent of the parties.

9. The arbitration request application is **disposed of** accordingly.

Sd/-
(Krushna Ram Mohapatra)
Chief Justice

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