



Sr. No. 107

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****ARB-320-2025 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 16.07.2026**

M/s Sidhartha Ahar Vihar Udyan Pvt. Ltd.

...Petitioner

Versus

Ram Kishan Rana and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI

Present : Mr. Ashish Chopra, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Yash Pal Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohan Singh Rana, Advocate and
Mr. Kumar Manish, Advocate,
for the respondents.

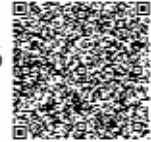
LAPITA BANERJI, J. (Oral)

This is an application under Section 11 (6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as, 'the 1996 Act')

2. Pursuant to the order dated May 22, 2026 passed by a Coordinate Bench, affidavits have been filed by both the petitioner and respondent No.1 to evince their intention that given the value of the contract, a sole independent arbitrator may be appointed instead of an Arbitral Tribunal.

3. The affidavits filed through CM-13603-CII-2026 are taken on record.

4. In view of the above, this Court appoints Hon'ble the Chief Justice Ms. Ritu Bahri (retired) House No.464, IAS/PCS Officers Society, Mullanpur, New Chandigarh, Punjab, Mobile No.7837049200 as the Sole



Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes between the parties, subject to compliance of the statutory requirements.

5. Keeping the convenience of the parties in mind the learned Arbitrator may consider the venue of the arbitral proceedings to be 'Gurugram'.

6. Liberty is granted to the parties to raise all claims, counter claims, defences, pleas etc. before the Learned Arbitrator.

7. Needless to mention that all the questions arising between the parties shall remain open for determination in the arbitral proceedings and any observation made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.

8. A request letter along with a copy of this order be sent to Hon'ble the Chief Justice Ms. Ritu Bahri (retired).

9. With the directions aforesaid **ARB-320-2025** is **disposed of**.

10. Pending application(s), if any, are accordingly, disposed of.

(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

July 16, 2026

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