IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 15045 OF 2025
[Arising out of SLP (Civil) No. 34336/2025]

RAJESH GUPTA **Appellant(s)**

VERSUS

OYO HOTELS AND HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED **Respondent(s)**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. This appeal arises from the order passed by the High Court of Delhi dated 11.08.2025 in O.M.P. (MISC.) (COMM.)215/2025 by which the petition filed by the appellant herein (claimant) under Section 29A(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short, "the Act of 1996") seeking extension of the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal by a period of six months came to be rejected.

3. We heard Ms. Madhavi Divan, the learned senior counsel appearing for the appellant (original claimant) and Mr. Gaurav Agarwal, the learned senior counsel appearing for the respondent.

4. As such, there is no error, much less any error of law in the impugned order passed by the High Court.

5. However, taking into consideration the fact that the parties will have to start afresh and the matter had already reached till the stage of arguments, we would like to give one last chance to the parties, more particularly, the appellant herein (claimant) to proceed further before the arbitrator.

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6. However, we would like to impose costs upon the appellant. The appellant shall pay an amount of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) to the respondent towards costs within a period of four weeks from today.

7. In view of the aforesaid, the impugned order passed by the High Court is set aside.

8. The original application filed by the appellant herein under Section 29A(5) of the Act of 1996 is allowed.

9. The Arbitral Tribunal shall now proceed with the further hearing and see to it that the final award is passed on or before 31.03.2026.

10. The appeal stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

11. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

……J.
(J.B. PARDIWALA)

……J.
(K.V. VISWANATHAN)

NEW DELHI
15TH DECEMBER, 2025