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ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
(Commercial Division)
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP-COM/855/2026

RASHMI METALIKS LIMITED
VS
UNION OF INDIA, THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER, SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH
Date : 9th October, 2026.

Appearance
Mr. Krishnaraj Thaker, Sr. Adv.(VC)
Mr. Deepanjan Dutta Roy, Adv.
Ms. Sanjana Jha, Adv.
Mr. Rohan Kumar Thakur, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Mr. Siddhartha Lahiri, Adv.
Ms. Amrita Pandey, Adv.
...for the respondent

The Court: The petitioner has preferred the present petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking extension of the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for completion of the arbitral proceedings and publication of the arbitral award.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 25.01.2024 appointed the sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties. The pleadings were completed on 13.09.2024. With the consent of the parties, the mandate of the arbitral tribunal was further extended for a period of six months till 13.03.2026. Learned Counsel for the petitioner further submits that this Court vide order dated 23.02.2026 had extended the mandate of the arbitral tribunal further for a period of eight months.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner states that the matter at the stage of final arguments.

Learned Counsel for the respondent states that he has no objection to the extension of the mandate of the arbitral tribunal.

Upon consideration of the submissions of both the parties and the materials placed on record, this Court is satisfied that there has been no undue or unwarranted delay on the part of the learned sole Arbitrator in conducting the proceedings.

Having regard to the advanced stage of the proceedings and in the interest of justice, the mandate of the learned sole Arbitrator is extended further for a period of eight months from today.

The learned sole Arbitrator is requested to make all reasonable endeavours to conclude the arbitral proceedings and publish the arbitral award within the extended time period.

With the aforesaid observations, the present petition stands disposed of.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)

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