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ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
COMMERCIAL DIVISION
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP-COM/873/2026

BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LTD
VS
WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY
DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH
Date : 14th October, 2026.

Appearance:
Mr. Tauseef Ahmed Khan, Adv.
Mr. Arindam Paul, Adv.
Ms. Debarati Das, Adv.
..for the petitioner

Mr. Chayan Gupta, Adv.
Mr. AviroopMitra, Adv.
Mr. Uday Sharma, Adv.
..for the respondent

The Court: The petitioner has preferred the present petition under Section 29A(4) 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 vide order dated 26th April, 2023, this Court appointed a learned sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties. The pleadings were completed on 10th February, 2024. With the consent of the parties, the mandate of the arbitral tribunal was extended further for a period of six months till 9th August,

2025. Thereafter, this Court vide order dated 24th September, 2025 had extended mandate of the arbitral tribunal further for a period of one year.

The arbitral proceedings are presently at the stage of evidence, and the cross-examination of the respondent's witness is in progress.

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 arbitral 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 one year 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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