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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

\# **CNR No. DLHC010494712026**

\+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 809/2026

M/S GUPTA BROS (INDIA) .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Vinod Kumar, Advocate.

versus

GAIL INDIA LTD .....Respondent

Through: Mr. Nikhilesh Krishnan & Mr. Karna Mehra, Advocates.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

O R D E R

% 13.10.2026

I.A. 28404/2026 (*for exemption*)

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

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1. By way of this petition under Section 29A(4) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, the petitioner seeks extension of the mandate of the learned Arbitrator, who is in *seisin* of disputes between the parties under a Letter of Acceptance dated 18.10.2011.

2. Although the arbitral proceedings commenced on 02.12.2017, the proceedings were in respect of two matters, i.e. Rajahmundry Project and Vadodara Project. The award in respect to the Rajahmundry Project has already been published on 31.07.2023. The present learned Arbitrator was

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appointed *vide* an order of this Court dated 22.03.2024 in O.M.P.(T) (COMM.) 8/2024.

3. I am informed that the arbitral proceedings are now at the stage of final arguments before the learned Arbitrator. As the mandate is due to expire on 16.10.2026, the petitioner seeks further six months' extenstion of the mandate.

4. Mr. Karna Mehra, learned counsel for the respondent, appears on advance notice, and states that he has no objection to this request.

5. In view thereof, the petition is disposed of, with the direction that the mandate of the learned Arbitrator is extended by a period of six months, i.e. till 16.04.2027.

6. Having regard to the long pendency of the arbitral proceedings, the parties are directed to cooperate with the learned Arbitrator for the expeditious conclusion of the proceedings.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

OCTOBER 13, 2026
***'PV'**/MK/*

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