



**IN THE COURT OF 3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE &  
JUDGE COMMERCIAL COURT AT GANDHINAGAR**

**Civil Miscellaneous Application No.8 of 2025**

**Exh.**

Indigo Seaways Private Ltd.,  
having registered office at :  
Detox House, Besides K. G. Chambers,  
Udhna Darwaja, Ring Road, Surat,  
Gujarat - 395002.

...Applicant

V/s.

Gujarat Maritime Board,  
Having Office at :  
Chh Road, Sector - 10A,  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382010.

...Opponent

**Application under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996  
for extension of time period for arbitration**

**Appearance :**

Learned Advocate Surbhi Talreja for applicant.

Learned Advocate S. H. Virk for opponent.

**:: J U D G M E N T ::**

1. Applicant has filed this application under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act. Applicant has prayed to extend the time period for further period of 24 (Twenty Four) months from the date of expiry of Arbitral proceedings i.e 28/08/2025.

2. The Ld. Advocate for the respondent / opponent has submitted a reply vide exh.7. As per reply opponent has no objection for extension of time, as sought by the Applicant for the purpose of conducting the ongoing arbitration before the Arbitral Tribunal.
3. Heard the Ld. Advocates of the parties. Considering the submissions on record, following facts emerges as under -
  - Due to disputes arisen first meeting for arbitration proceedings before the Arbitral Tribunal was held on 20.11.2020, wherein Tribunal directed to file State of Claim on or before 11.12.2020.
  - Applicant unable to file the statement, hence time for filing the statement extended to 18.12.2020 and the statement of claim was filed.
  - Claimant filed claim statement on 18.12.2020.
  - Thereafter respondent wanted to prefer an application under Section 16 of the Act, with consent of both parties, the time limit for preferring application under Section 16 of the Act was first extended to 21.12.2020 then again extended to 28.12.2020.
  - Application under Section 16 were concluded on 13.02.2021.
  - The Tribunal came to be constituted on 20.10.2020. The Arbitral Tribunal comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. K. Thakkar (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India), Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. R. Dave (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. S. Jhaveri (Former Judge, Orissa High Court).
  - The time spent in arbitral proceedings from 20.10.2020 to 28.02.2022 is excluded and limitation start to run from 01.03.2023 till 31.08.2023.
  - With consent of both the parties the mandate of Ld. Arbitral Tribunal was extended as per Section 29(A)(3) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act for the period of eighteen months vide order dated 04.10.2023.
  - The mandate of Arbitral Tribunal extended under Section 29(A)(3) of

the Arbitration and Conciliation Act expired on 28.08.2025.

➤ As per Meeting no.108 dated 4th September, 2025 of Arbitral Tribunal arbitration proceeding fixed for final argument.

4. In view of above aspects, as per the provisions of Sec.29(A)(4) of the Arbitration Act and the reasons mentioned in this application are found to be just and proper. It would be in the interest of justice to allow this application so as to enable the learned Arbitrator to conclude the arbitral proceedings effectively. In view of the above discussions the present application deserves to be allowed. Hence, I pass following order:

**ORDER**

1. The present application stands allowed, whereby, extension of further period of Twenty Four months is granted to the parties to conclude the Arbitral Proceedings from the date of expiry i.e. 28.08.2025.
2. The parties are requested to co-operate the learned Arbitrator to conclude the Arbitral Proceedings within the extended period of Twenty Four months.
3. The learned Arbitral Tribunal shall be intimated accordingly with a copy of this judgment.

Order singed and pronounced in the open Court today on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Date : 20.03.2026  
Place: Gandhinagar

**[ Piyush Mahendrabhai Unadkat ]**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Additional District Judge &  
Judge Commercial Court,  
Gandhinagar (GJ00716)