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

+ **ARB.P. 1347/2025 & I.A. 21382/2025**

LALIT CHADHA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Shreyas Malik, Advocate.

versus

M/S MAHANAGAR TELEPHONE

NIGAM LIMITED (MTNL)

.....Respondent

Through: None.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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01.09.2025

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, (hereinafter 'the Act') seeking appointment of a Sole Arbitrator for the adjudication of the disputes between the parties arising out of a Lease Agreement (hereinafter 'the Agreement') dated 3rd November, 2015 in terms of which the petitioner has leased out the demised premises to the respondent for a monthly rent of Rs.10,913/-.
2. Counsel for the petitioner states that the Agreement contains an arbitration clause, *i.e.* Clause 11, which provides for adjudication of disputes arising between the parties by way of arbitration.
3. He further states that since the respondent has defaulted in payment of the monthly rent to the petitioner, the petitioner issued a legal notice dated 27th June, 2024 and a notice invoking arbitration dated 5th April, 2025, under Section 21 of the Act.
4. However, the respondent has failed to respond to the aforesaid notices,



including the invocation notice.

5. Hence, the petitioner has been constrained to approach this Court by way of the present petition.
6. None appears on behalf of the respondent despite advance service.
7. Issue Notice to the respondent through all permissible modes.
8. If the respondent wishes to contest the present petition, reply may be filed within two (2) weeks from today.
9. List on 8th October, 2025.

AMIT BANSAL, J

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

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