

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/PETN. UNDER ARBITRATION ACT NO. 301 of 2025**

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KAPIL BHATIA & ANR.

Versus

PLUTUSONE HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR MANISH S SHAH(5859) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

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**CORAM:HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL****Date : 20/02/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. The present petition seeking for appointment of arbitrator under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has been filed with the contention that initially the parties had submitted to ad-hoc arbitration. However, during the course of the proceedings, the respondents stopped appearing. As a result of it, the learned arbitrator had discontinued the proceedings directing the petitioners to approach the Court for appointment of arbitral tribunal. The order dated 14.11.2025 passed by the learned arbitrator is appended at page '98' of the paper book.
2. The notice under Section 21 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has been served upon the respondents by speed post as well as through e-mail. The additional affidavit dated 19.02.2026, filed today in the Court, is taken on record. It is stated therein that

the respondents have not replied to the notice dated 13.01.2026 sent through speed post nor there is any reply to the email notice.

3. Let a notice be issued to the respondents through speed post returnable on 27.03.2026. Necessary steps be taken within a period of one week.

Put up on 27.03.2026.

BIJOY B. PILLAI

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)