

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 5883 OF 2014

Life Insurance Corporation of India .. Petitioner
V/S.
State of Maharashtra, Through .. Respondents
Revenue Dept And Anr

Mr. Roopadaksha Basu with Heenal W i/by The Law Point, for petitioner.
Mr. O.A. Chandurkar, AGP, for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2/ State.

CORAM : MANISH PITALE &
SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, JJ.
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1. In pursuance of the order dated 15/04/2026 passed by this Court in the instant writ petition, the petitioner corporation followed up the matter with the District Collector, Pune. Learned counsel for the petitioner-corporation has tendered an affidavit of compliance stating that three names of proposed arbitrators were suggested to the Collector, Pune.
2. It is stated that the Collector, Pune has not responded and perhaps forwarded the said names to the State for further action.
3. In the compliance affidavit, five names of proposed arbitrators have been suggested.
4. Learned AGP, on instructions, submits that this Court may

consider appointing anyone of five names suggested by the petitioner-corporation to be an arbitrator in the present case.

5. After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner-corporation and learned AGP, we hereby appoint Mr. S.B. Panse, retired District Judge, who is available at Pune as the sole arbitrator with the consent of the petitioner and respondent no. 1.

6. With the arbitrator being appointed, the directions contained in the order dated 20/10/2015 passed in the writ petition stand complied with.

7. Learned arbitrator appointed by this order shall proceed further in accordance with law.

8. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner-corporation clarifies that although the order dated 20/10/2015 passed by a Division Bench of this Court in the present Writ Petition directed arbitrator to be nominated for Arbitration Case Nos. 2 and 3 of 1969, the petitioner-corporation is concerned only with Arbitration Case No. 3 of 1969. In that light, it is submitted that this Court may consider only Arbitration Case No. 3 of 1969 to be referred to the sole arbitrator appointed by this order.

9. We find that since the petitioner in the present writ petition is the Life Insurance Corporation and it is concerned only with Arbitration Case No. 3 of 1969, the said request on behalf of the petitioner-corporation can be accepted in the interest of justice.

10. Hence, it is further clarified that the learned sole arbitrator

appointed hereinabove shall take up only Arbitration Case No. 3 of 1969 for further consideration and disposal in accordance with law.

11. No further orders are necessary in this petition and accordingly, it is disposed of.

12. Affidavit of compliance tendered on behalf of the petitioner - corporation is taken on record.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)