



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**  
**ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**  
**COMM. ARBITRATION PETITION (L.) NO. 13145 OF 2026**

First Global Services Private Limited ... **PETITIONER**

**: VERSUS :**

Axis Bank Limited ... **RESPONDENT**

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**Ms. Naira Jejeebhoy** with Mr. Tanmay Pawar i/b. Mr. Nihar Chitre, *for the Petitioner.*

**Mr. Zal Andhyarujina, Senior Advocate** with Ms. Maithili Parikh, Mr. Waseem Pangarkar, Ms. Nadiya Sarguroh, Mr. Allan David, Ms. Keerthi Kamath, Mr. Pratyush Gupta and Ms. Arunima Kuma i/b. MZM Legal LLP *for the Respondent.*

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**CORAM : SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.**

**DATED : 17 APRIL 2026.**

**P.C :**

1) This is a petition filed under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (**Arbitration Act**) seeking interim measures before commencement of arbitral proceedings.

2) I have heard Ms. Jejeebhoy, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner and Mr. Andhyarujina, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the Respondent.

3) As hearing of the petition progressed, both the learned counsel, on instructions, have expressed willingness to go for arbitration.

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The learned Counsel jointly request for constitution of Arbitral Tribunal comprising of a sole Arbitrator.

4) Ms. Jejeebhoy submits that if the Arbitral Tribunal is constituted, the Petitioner shall exercise remedy under Section 17 of the Arbitration Act for seeking interim measures. She requests for conversion of the present petition into application under Section 17 of the Arbitration Act.

5) Accordingly, with the consent of the parties, I proceed to pass the following order :

**(A) Mr. R.D. Dhanuka**, Former Chief Justice of this Court is hereby appointed as Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties The contact details of the Arbitrator are as under :

Office Address :- 131, Mittal Tower, C-wing, Barister Rajni  
Patel Marg, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400  
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Email ID :- rameshddhanuka5@gmail.com

Mobile No.:- 98211 34074

**(B)** A copy of this order be communicated to the learned sole Arbitrator by the Advocates for the Petitioner within a period of one week from the date of upload of this order. The Petitioner shall provide the contact and communication particulars of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal alongwith a copy of this order.



(C) The learned sole Arbitrator is requested to forward the statutory Statement of Disclosure under Section 11(8) read with Section 12(1) of the Act to the parties within a period of 2 weeks from receipt of a copy of this order.

(D) The parties shall appear before the learned sole Arbitrator on such date and at such place as indicated by him, to obtain appropriate direction with regard to conduct of the arbitration including fixing a schedule for pleadings, examination of witnesses, if any, schedule of hearings etc.

(E) The sole Arbitrator shall be entitled to the fees prescribed under the Bombay High Court (Fee Payable to Arbitrators) Rules, 2018 and the arbitral costs and fees of the Arbitrator shall be borne by the parties in equal proportion and shall be subject to the final Award that may be passed by the Tribunal

6) The present petition is converted into application under Section 17 of the Arbitration Act to be decided by the Arbitral Tribunal on its own merits.

7) All issues on merits are expressly kept open to be agitated before the Arbitral Tribunal appointed as above.

8) With the above directions, the Commercial Arbitration Petition is disposed of.

**[SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.]**

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