



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.KUMARESH BABU

OA No. 222 of 2026

M/s GTB Blue Metals

A proprietorship firm,

Represented by its proprietor K. Balamurugan,

Having its office, R.S. no. 113/3,7, Nemili village,

Eraiyr post, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District

..Applicant

Vs

M/s Tamil Nadu Mines and Minerals Limited

A Government undertaking

Represented by its the

Managing director,

No.31, Kaalarajar Salai,

Chepauk,

Chennai 600 005.

..Respondent

For Applicant : Mr.Sharath Chandran

For Respondent : Mr.Jafar Aadhira.H
for M/s. Corpla Legal Services

ORDER

It is to be noted that the present Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'] application has been filed as early as in the month of March, 2026 and an interim order was granted by this Court on 17.03.2026.



2. The applicant had also in compliance with the clause of Arbitration had issued a pre-mediation notice as envisaged thereunder, which had not evoked any response and a notice under Section 21 of the Act has been issued by the applicant, which had been acknowledged by the respondent on 12.08.2026.

3. Section 9 sub-section(2) mandates that arbitration ought to be issued within a period of 3 months and the applicant also comply with the said mandate. However, the respondent seeks further time to file counter.

4. At his request, list this case on 02.09.2026.

5. It is made clear that, if the respondent fails to file their counter on the said date, application stands disposed of on its own merits pending the disposal of the arbitration proceedings.

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