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M/s Lakshya Construction Vs. State of HP & others a/w connected matter.

Arb. Cases No. 149 & 151 of 2025.

30.05.2025. Present: Mr. Udit Shaurya Kaushik, Advocate, for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents.

Inter-alia, reference has been made to notice dated 03.12.2024 (Annexure P-4) served upon the respondents, seeking consideration of appointment of the sole arbitrator. It is contended that there has been no response as such by the State. Reminder was also sent on 25.01.2025 (Annexure P-6).

It is pointed out that an order was passed on 12.03.2025 (Annexure P-7) by the Chief Engineer (KZ), HPPWD Dharamshala, whereby office order dated 24.02.2025 had been withdrawn vide which the Superintending Engineer was appointed as the Sole Arbitrator to decide the disputes. It has further been pointed out that vide communication dated 21.03.2025 (Annexure P-8), the matter had been referred as such to the Higher Authorities for legal consultation and vide letter dated 28.03.2025 (Annexure P-9), the respondents denied the fact that there was any denial to comply with contractual procedures regarding the dispute resolution.

Notice. Mr. Rakesh Dhaulta, learned Additional Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He seeks time to file reply.

List on **11.07.2025**.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice.

May 30, 2025
(hemlata)