

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA****Arb. Case No.406 of 2025****Date of Decision:- 08.05.2026****Hira Singh Thakur****....Petitioner****Versus****Himachal Pradesh State Industrial****....Respondents****Development Corporation Limited and another*****Coram******The Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Sandhawalia, Chief Justice*****Whether approved for reporting?¹**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Suneet Goel, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Vishwas Kaushal,
Advocate.

For the Respondents : Mr. Vedhant Ranta, Advocate.

G.S. Sandhawalia, Chief Justice (Oral).

The present petition has been filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 for appointment of an Arbitrator.

2. Counsel for the petitioner has pointed out that the notice dated 22.05.2024 (**Annexure P-5**), whereby arbitration proceedings has been sought to be initiated and also the fact that the earlier award had been passed on 12.01.2024, whereby liberty had been given to raise and file fresh claim before an appropriate forum/court including for claim No.2 for Market rates either on the completion of the execution of work or earlier

¹ Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?



termination or rescinding or closure of the work as the case may be.

3. Counsel for the respondents submits that the same Arbitrator be appointed namely Sh. Naresh Kumar Sood, Senior Advocate of this Court who has also looked into the same matter.

4. On his giving consent to arbitrate the dispute between the parties as an Arbitrator, Sh. Naresh Kumar Sood, Senior Advocate shall enter into reference, and shall pass an award in accordance with law.

5. Copy of this order be furnished to the learned counsel for the parties and also be furnished to the learned Arbitrator. The learned Arbitrator so appointed shall be entitled to fee as per stipulation contained in 4th Schedule appended to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

6. Accordingly, the application is disposed of alongwith pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

8th May, 2026
(Munish Thakur)

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice