



OCD-16

ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
COMMERCIAL DIVISION
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP-COM/362/2026

UMA DEVI KEJRIWAL
VS
RAKESH CHOWDHURY AND ANR.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH

Date : 10th June, 2026.

Appearance:

Mr. Rahul Chakraborty, Adv.
Mr. Sourojit Dasgupta, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Mr. Manik Lal Poddar, Adv.
Mr. Biswambar Jha, Adv.
...for the respondents

The Court: The petitioner has preferred the present petition under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking appointment of sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes and differences between the parties arising out of and in connection with a Deed of Partnership dated 1st July, 2024 relating to the partnership firm, namely, "M/s CRISPR BIOPHARMA INC".

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the disputes and differences have arisen between the parties in relation to the affairs and management of the partnership firm. It is contended that the respondents have denied the petitioner access to the accounts and records of the partnership firm, withheld financial information, excluded the petitioner



from participation in the management of the business and failed to render accounts and share profits in accordance with the terms of the deed of partnership. Learned Counsel for the petitioner further submits that Clause 25 of the Deed of Partnership contains an arbitration clause and that disputes are arbitrable. It is further submitted that a notice dated 20.03.2026 was issued in terms of Section 21 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 invoking the arbitration clause and calling upon the respondents to take steps in terms of the agreed procedures for constitution of the arbitral tribunal. It is further contended that the respondents replied to the said notice and however, no Arbitrator was nominated by them in accordance with the arbitration agreement.

Learned Counsel for the respondents contends, *inter alia*, that the Deed of Partnership dated 1st July, 2024 is not genuine and that the signatures appearing thereof are disputed. He further contends that a civil suit being Title Suit No. 802 of 2026 has been instituted touching upon the disputes between the parties.

Learned Counsel for the respondents seeks and is granted four weeks time to file affidavit-in-opposition. Reply thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

List the matter after eight weeks.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)