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ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP/145/2007

UNION OF INDIA
VS
M/S. ALLIED CONSTRUCTION CO.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH

Date : 28th January, 2026.

Appearance:

Ms. Aparna Banerjee, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Mr. Mohit Gupta, Adv.
...for the respondent

The Court: The present petition arises out of an award dated 18th January, 2007.

Let this matter be listed for hearing on 8th April, 2026.

In the meantime, the Department is directed to assign a new AP number on the Commercial Side since the matter pertains to a commercial dispute between the parties and the same is covered under Section 2(1)(c)(vi) of the Commercial Courts Act. The same shall be done within a period of two weeks.

In view of the submission made by Mr. Mohit Gupta, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent that earlier the parties had applied for settlement of the dispute under Vivad Se Vishwass II (Contractual Disputes) Scheme, this Court is of the view that the parties should explore the possibility of settlement of the disputes through mediation.

Accordingly, this Court appoints Hon'ble Justice Siddhartha Roy Chowdhury (Retired) as Mediator.

This Court requests the learned Mediator to conclude the proceeding before the adjourned date and file a report. In the event of a positive response in the mediation proceedings, time may be extended suitably.

In the event the parties settle their disputes in the meantime, it would be open for the parties to mention the matter for disposal on the basis of the settlement arrived at in course of mediation.

This Court expects both the parties to co-operate with the learned Mediator in resolving the disputes.

The Member Secretary, High Court Mediation Centre, is requested to communicate this order to the learned Mediator and make all necessary arrangement for holding the mediation proceedings.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)