

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 16 OF 2026

JIOSTAR INDIA PVT LTD

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

GREEN BEAN SPORTS MARKETING

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. The petition has been filed under section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (1996 Act) seeking appointment of a Sole Arbitrator for the adjudication of disputes that have arisen between the parties.
2. The Petitioner is an Indian company, operating a leading entertainment network, while the Respondent is a company incorporated in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) dealing with sports media rights. A Media Rights Sub-License Agreement dated 30.03.2023 was executed between the parties, whereunder the Petitioner granted the Respondent a sub-license of media rights in relation to the Indian Premier League (IPL) Seasons 2023 to 2027, exclusively for the territory of Bangladesh. The Agreement was, thereafter, amended on 01.03.2024. *Inter alia*, the Agreement contained a cross-default clause, making defaults under other similar agreements between the parties a valid ground for termination of the Agreement dated 30.03.2023. As per Clause 27 of the Agreement, the disputes between the parties shall be determined by a Sole Arbitrator under the 1996 Act, with seat and

venue in Mumbai, India.

3. It is the Petitioner's case that the Respondent defaulted in respect of payments under a separate Sub-Licensing Agreement dated 07.02.2023 relating to broadcasting rights of the Premier League. Thus, the Petitioner invoked the cross-default clause under the Agreement dated 30.02.2023 and issued a Termination Notice, followed by a Demand Notice. The Respondent has, statedly, disputed such liability and failed to clear the same.
4. Hence, the Petitioner invoked the arbitration agreement contained in Clause 27 of the Agreement and issued an arbitration notice dated 01.12.2025. Therein, the Petitioner recommended the appointment of Mr. Mikhail Behl, Advocate, as the Sole Arbitrator. The Respondent has not replied to the said notice, leading to the Petitioner filing the instant Petition.
5. We have heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and perused the material placed on record. None appears on behalf of the Respondent, despite service having been completed.
6. In view of the facts and circumstances recorded above, we deem it just and proper to allow the instant petition and appoint Justice S.C. Gupte, former Judge of the Bombay High Court, as the Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties arising out of the Media Rights Sub-License Agreement dated 30.03.2023, read with the Amendment Agreement dated 01.03.2024. The seat and venue of the arbitration, in accordance with the said agreement, shall be Mumbai, India.

7. The Arbitrator shall be at liberty to fix his own fees.

8. Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

.....J.
(V. MOHANA)

NEW DELHI;
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026.

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Date : 25-09-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANAFor Petitioner(s) :Mrs. Aanchal Tandon, Adv.
Ms. Niti Jain, Adv.
Mr. Mayank Kshirsagar- 2780, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The Arbitration Petition is allowed in terms of the signed
order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)