IN THE HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

Arb O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 247 of 20272
AND
A No. 2885 of 2023, A No. 2887 of 2023,ARB APPLN No. 291 of 2021,ARB APPLN No. 292 of 2021,ARB O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 248 of 2022,ARB O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 250 of 2022,ARB O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 251 of 2022, EP No. 54 of 2024, EP No. 55 of 2024

M/s.Gammon -OJSC Mosmetrostory JV
Represented by its Authroised Signatory
Mr.Jaysingh Ashar,
Gammon House, Veer Sarvakar Marg,
Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400025.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

M/s. Chennai Metro Rail Limited
Represented by its Managing Director,
Admin Building, CMRL Depot,
Poonamallee High Road,
Opposite to Daniel Thomas School, Koyambedu,
Chennai -107.

..Respondent(s)

A No. 2885 of 2023

M/s.Gammon -OJSC Mosmetrostory JV
Represented by its Authroised Signatory
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Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400025.

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Vs

M/s. Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Rep.by its
Managing Director,
Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High
Road, Opposite to Daniel Thomas School,
Koyambedu, Chennai- 600 107.

..Respondent(s)

A No. 2887 of 2023
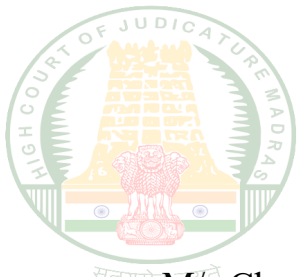
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Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400025.

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Vs

M/s. Chennai Metro Rail Limited
Rep.by its Managing Director, Admin Building CMRL
Depot, Poonamallee High Road, Opposite to Daniel
Thomas School, Koyambedu, Chennai- 600 107.

..Respondent(s)

Arb Appln No. 291 of 2021

M/s.Chennai Metro Rail Limited
Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High
Road, Opposite to Daniel Thomas School,
Koyambedu, Chennai 600 107., Rep.by its Chief
General Manager, Mr.B.S.Srinivas.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Gammon-OJSC Mosmetrostory JV and another
   Rep.by its Authorised Signatory Mr.J.L.Ashar,
   Old No.3, New No.4, First Floor, Dr.Subrayan
   Nagar Main Road, Kodambakkam, Chennai 600
   024.

2. ICICI Bank Limited
   ICICI Centre, 163, H T Parekh Marg, Backbay
   Reclamation, Chruchgate, Mumbai 400 020.

..Respondent(s)

Arb Appln No. 292 of 2021

M/s.Chennai Metro Rail Limited
Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High
Road, Opposite to Daniel Thomas School,
Koyambedu, Chennai 600 107., Rep.by its Chief
General Manager, Mr.B.S.Srinivas.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Gammon-OJSC Mosmetrostory JV and 2 others
   Rep.by its Authorised Signatory Mr.J.L.Ashar, Old
   No.3, New No.4, First Floor, Dr.Subrayan Nagar
   Main Road, Kodambakkam, Chennai 600 024.

2. ICICI Bank Limited
   ICICI Centre, 163, H T Parekh Marg, Backbay
   Reclamation, Chruchgate, Mumbai 400 020.

3. Bank of Baroda
   Corporate Financial Services (CFS) 1st Floor, 3
   Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Pier, Mumbai
   400001.

..Respondent(s)

Arb O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 248 of 2022

M/s.Gammon -OJSC Mosmetrostroy JV
Represented by its Authroised Signatory
Mr.Jaysingh Ashar,
Gammon House, Veer Sarvakar Marg,
Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400025.

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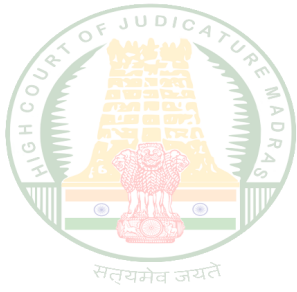
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Represented by its Managing Director,
Admin Building, CMRL Depot,
Poonamallee High Road,
Opposite to Daniel Thomas School, Koyambedu,
Chennai -107.

..Respondent(s)

Arb O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 250 of 2022

Chennai Metro Rail Limited
CMRL Depot, Admin Building,
Poonamallee High Road,
Opposite to Daniel Thomas School,
Koyambedu, Chennai 107.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Gammon OJSC - Mosmetrostroy JV
Gammon House, Veer Savarkar Marg, Prabhadevi,
Mumbai - 400025.

..Respondent(s)

Arb O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 251 of 2022

Chennai Metro Rail Limited
CMRL Depot, Admin Building,
Poonamallee High Road,
Opposite to Daniel Thomas School,
Koyambedu, Chennai 107.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Gammon OJSC - Mosmetrostroy JV
Gammon House, Veer Savarkar Marg, Prabhadevi,
Mumbai - 400025.

..Respondent(s)

EP No. 54 of 2024

M/s. Gammon-OJSC Mosmetrostroy JV
Represented by its Authorized Signatory Mr.
Jaysingh Ashar, Gammon House, Veer Sarvakar
Marg, Prabadevi, MumbaI - 400 025.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. M/s. Chennai Metro Rail Limited
   Represented by its Managing Director, Admin
   Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High Road,

Opposite to Daniel Thomas School, Koyambedu,
Chennai 600 107.

2. M/s. Corporation Bank
CPBB Branch, Ashok Nagar, Chennai 600 083

..Respondent(s)

EP No. 55 of 2024

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Jaysingh Ashar, Gammon House, Veer Sarvakar
Marg, Prabadevi, MumbaI - 400 025.

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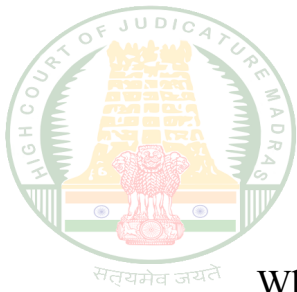
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    Represented by its Managing Director, Admin
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    Opposite to Daniel Thomas School, Koyambedu,
    Chennai 600 107.

2. M/s. Bank Corporation Bank
    Chennai - Ashok Nagar, CPBB Branch, Ashok
    Nagar, Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):   Mr. Sivanandaraj
                          Senior Counsel
                          for Mr. P.J.Rishikesh

For Respondent(s):   Mr. K. Harishankar

COMMON ORDER

When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the algorithm *Superlaw*

Courts was demonstrated before this Court. This Court had earlier directed a

note to be circulated on the working method of this algorithm and accordingly,

the note was also circulated and the same is extracted hereunder:-

Note on the Working Method of Courts by Superlaw

1. Purpose of the System
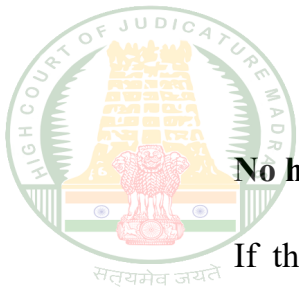
Superlaw Courts is a computer-assisted system designed to help legal professionals locate, organise, and understand information contained strictly within the documents placed before it for a particular matter. The system is intended to reduce the time and effort involved in manual searching and cross-referencing of voluminous documents. It is not intended to replace legal reasoning, judicial determination, or counsel's professional judgment.

2. Record-Bound Discipline and Safeguards

Superlaw Courts operates under controls analogous to those expected in court proceedings:

Confined to the record:

Superlaw Courts work exclusively on the documents provided for the matter. It does not consult external sources, general knowledge, or materials outside the record.

No hallucination or gap-filling:

If the record does not contain information in a traceable form, the system states that such information is **not found in the documents provided,** rather than generating an unsupported response.

No legal inference or opinion:

The system does not draw conclusions, assess credibility, interpret intent, or express legal views. It only presents what the documents state.

Reviewable and verifiable:

Outputs are based on identifiable portions of the record, allowing lawyers and the Court to independently verify context.

3. How the System Prepares the Record

When documents are uploaded, the system creates a **dedicated digital workspace,** comparable to a sealed record room in judicial chambers. The documents are processed to ensure they are workable:

- Scanned or image-based documents are converted into searchable text using **Optical Character Recognition (OCR)** so they can be searched.

- The record is organised by grouping similar materials, identifying duplicates, and maintaining a consistent internal order.

The record is then broken into meaningful excerpts through a process known as chunking. Instead of splitting documents mechanically by page or length, chunking preserves logical units such as clauses, paragraphs, or coherent passages, similar to preparing reliable extracts from a brief. An internal index is created over these excerpts, functioning like a combined subject index, list of names, and date guide, enabling rapid location of relevant material.

4. How Questions Are Answered (Role of the AI Partner)

When a legal professional asks a question, the system follows a disciplined process:

Understanding the query:

The question is analysed to identify what is being asked, who or what it concerns, any relevant context or time period, much like reducing instructions into a clear briefing note.

Targeted retrieval:

Using the index, the system retrieves only the most relevant excerpts from the record, rather than relying on the entire document set. This limits error and ensures traceability.

Constrained response by the AI Partner:

The AI Partner's role is limited to **re-expressing or summarising the retrieved excerpts in clear language.** It cannot introduce new facts, make assumptions, or apply legal reasoning. If the retrieved material does not support an answer, the system states so explicitly.

In essence, *Superlaw Courts* functions as an exceptionally organised and cautious record assistant: it prepares the papers, creates a reliable finding aid, and presents relevant excerpts on request, while remaining strictly bound to the record and leaving all legal judgment to human decision-makers.
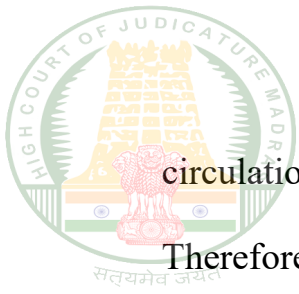
2. The demonstration of the working of the algorithm was done with the participation of the learned counsel appearing on either side, as well as this Court. *Prima facie,* both the parties and the Court are satisfied with the working method of the algorithm. In order to enable the algorithm to respond more

effectively, it was suggested that the learned counsel appearing on either side be provided with a link and they will identify specific issues and seek for assistance of the algorithm. The learned counsel appearing on either side further submitted that they will report to this Court on the effectiveness of the algorithm after undertaking the said exercise.

3. In order to bring more transparency, whatever interactions take place with the algorithm on the side of the counsel appearing on either side, as well as the Court, a separate link will be provided and any one who wants to ascertain the level of interaction that has taken place with the algorithm, can click the link and verify the same. This step will provide more transparency and will also create a comfort level for any person, who reads the order to understand the extent to which assistance from the algorithm was sought for while deciding the case.

4. This is the first case, where the assistance of Artificial Intelligence is going to be used by the Court. Hence, it was agreed that a draft order will be prepared containing the facts of the case and arguments put forth by both sides, which will cover the pleadings, evidences and findings of the arbitral tribunal. Till this stage, the draft order will be circulated to both sides. Upon such

circulation, the reliance placed on Artificial Intelligence also comes to an end. Therefore, what will be verified by both sides will be the accuracy of recording the facts of the case and the submissions made on either side including the pleadings, evidences, etc.

5. The counsel appearing on either side submitted that they will work with the algorithm for a week.

6. In view of the same, post these cases *"for final hearing"* on *12.02.2026 at 02.15 p.m.* The submissions on the side of the petitioner in Arb. O.P.(Com.Div.) Nos.250 and 251 of 2022 will be completed by 13.02.2026. For reply arguments, the matters will be listed on *17.02.2026 and 18.02.2026 at 02.15. p.m..*

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N.ANAND VENKATESH, J.

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