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**INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY**  
(A Central University under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, GoI)  
**HEADQUARTERS**

File Ref No. IMU-HQ/R/71/71A/02/2022-PUR

Dt. 15.09.2025

**IMU-HQ PROCUREMENT CIRCULAR NO. 01/2025**

**Sub:** Adherence to the timeline for filing of application challenging the arbitral award under Section 34(3) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996- Reg

**Ref:** Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice DO letter No. A-60011/46/2019-ADMIN-III dated 07/08/2025

1. Vide reference cited above, GoI, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs has forwarded a DO letter on adherence to the timeline for filing of application challenging the arbitral award under Section 34(3) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The copy of the DO letter is enclosed herewith for ready reference.
2. Accordingly, the following is circulated for strict compliance and necessary action by all officials concerned dealing with Arbitration: -
  - a) Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 specifies the grounds on which an arbitral award can be set aside by a court, with a provision that an application to set aside an arbitral award be made on specific and limited grounds as enumerated therein.
  - b) Sub-section (3) of Section 34, stipulates that such an application must be filled within three months from the date of receipt of the arbitral award by the party making the application. The court may condone a delay of upto 30 days beyond this period, provided sufficient cause is shown. However, no condonation beyond this 30-day extension is permissible.
  - c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in several judgements, reiterated that the limitation period under Section 34 (3) is strictly three months, with an additional 30-day extension at the court's discretion for sufficient cause, beyond which no further condonation is allowed.
  - d) In this regard, the court in many cases, have also noted that the State and its instrumentalities are bound by the same limitation rules as any other litigant and cannot claim any special exemption in this regard.
  - e) It is further emphasized that references seeking advice from the Department of Legal Affairs regarding the filing of applications under Section 34 against arbitral awards be submitted promptly, preferably within 30days from the date of receipt of the award and after obtaining requisite approvals.

*Adm Registrar*  
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- f) It should also be ensured that any application challenging the arbitral award is filed strictly within the prescribed limitation period under Section 34(3) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, to avoid dismissal on the grounds of limitation



**Registrar**

J. P. Singh  
12/9/15

**Encl:** As stated

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