

Third Party Funding for Litigation in Dispute Resolution Mechanism and its Recent Developments in International Commercial Arbitration

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Abstract - The most contentious mechanism in International Commercial Arbitration is the 'Third Party Funding for Litigation' (hereinafter referred to TPFL) though, it goes around with the present practices amongst most of the developed economies of the world. The practice of TPFL has been considered as promoting a solution in the field of accessing justice particularly, for those who have been experiencing financial-constraint to pursue the international commercial arbitration proceedings. International Commercial Arbitration Proceedings being transnational are of high-valued disputes hence, ineluctably tends to be a costly episode for the parties involved. Another direct impact of the said mechanism lies in reducing both valued-time and workloads of the parties to the proceedings as well. TPFL may have the appearance to share one of the objectives of Litigation funding however, TPFL, in foreign arbitration proceedings facilitates financially-constraint parties desire to access speedier methods of dispute resolution in exchange for national court's intervention that are burdened with the arrears of cases in regular dispute resolution system. And again it comes to the aid of those who are financially-stressed or prioritize corporate time as highly valued one. The distinct domain of so-called Litigation Funding (e.g., Champerty or Maintenance) invokes the question of public policy hence scopes of frivolous becomes higher while TPFL, as stated above, in international arbitral proceedings is having distinct objectives, i.e., to enable financially-distressed parties to access to justice through third party before arbitral tribunals, to save valuable corporate-time, and a mode of financing. The exhaustive due diligence conducted by funders prior to entering into funding agreements would go a long way towards ensuring that only meritorious claims receive funding. The present discourse confines the review of the fundamentals of TPFL practices that ultimately contributes in delivering justice in both national and international commercial arbitration as long as it is left to self-governance.

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INTRODUCTION

International Commercial Dispute Resolution mechanism has practised such an incredible growth in the past years in Internal Commercial Arbitration that it has now become a victim of its own success.¹The distinct characteristics of '*speedy disposal*', '*parties' autonomy in choice of law*', '*seat of arbitration*', and so on, inspired the efficacy of such alternative mode of dispute resolution mechanism. TPFL, is one such practice that has gained much vibrancy especially in International Commercial Dispute Resolution mechanism. The emerging numbers of Financers (Funders) in the Litigation Markets in some developed countries of the globe, facilitating the prospective claimants in accessing to the Justice in today's fast-economy. TPFL was

¹The Duty of Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest of TPF in Arbitration, Kluwer Arbitration blog,(accessed 8th august 2018)

categorically criticized earlier and abandoned by law-makers in various legal frameworks treating it to be contrary to the Public Policy. The tortuous principles of Maintenance and Champerty² regained its access particularly from late 2012 and early 2013 in International Commercial Dispute Resolution and some developed countries, for example, Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States, Canada, Singapore, etc. The best practices of TPFL mechanism in International Commercial Arbitration Proceedings have been recommended by the Joint Task Force constituted under the aegis of The International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and Queen Mary University of London³ in September 2017 conducted a special task force and made available TPF for public and professional scrutiny.

In today's fast global economy TPFL serves two primary objectives – a) an easy mode of financing; and b) saving the valuable corporate time. The chequered history of intrusion of financiers in the administration of civil justice during Mercantile Capitalism, as stated above, guided the law-systems of some countries to deny the intrusion of such financiers from its legal frameworks to ensure the core values of justice system and made it as elementary aspect in determining the Public Policy. Over the years the opinions of the policy-makers were relating to higher probability of defeat of fairness and fair process of law by such Financers, if allowed in the litigation markets, hence, treated such TPFL as deterrent to the administration of justice system and envisaged it to be against the public policy. Of late, the trends of trade-liberalization encouraged the convergence of the legal cultures across the nations and to attune and set a global economic order. And the recent practice of TPFL, in other words, so-called Financers in the litigation markets has been found to have been cooperating in facilitating to the provide relief to the prospective claimant to arbitral dispute, and that such funding prohibitions make little sense today.

Admittedly the agreement, to be come in into between such financier/ investor and the prospective claimant/intended litigant to the Arbitral Proceeding, is significant due to the center-stage of '*power of bargain*' however, green-signaling to it with legal-restrictions may evolve out to be beneficial and contributory to *fast economic growth* and speedy disposal of transnational commercial disputes through International Commercial Arbitration in India as well.

India, being one of the progressive economies is perceived to have much affinity upon the Principles of Common Law system and till date encourages the nugatory approach in approving the TPFL mechanism in International Commercial Arbitration Proceeding, though Part – II of the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015 has been aligned with necessary modifications at par with global practices in International Commercial Arbitration with the piecemeal attention to TPFL which is now becoming the global practice. The present space in this discussion has been used to analyze the changing dimension of legal frameworks across the developed nations, especially, TPFL practice in International Commercial Arbitration Dispute Resolution mechanism and the prospective benefits as India has focused in citing it to a leading hub in global landscape of International Commercial Arbitration Dispute Resolution Centers.

Prior to formal codification of contract law recorded instances of Third Party Litigation Funding Agreements, or *pactum de quota litis*⁴ in India dated back to the 1800s, is not possible due to lack of proper records of any such litigation relating to nor any specific legislations on it in India. And again on assuming the sovereign function Independent-India installed the English legal principles and practices within the legal system, followed during the colonial era where the local practices or local laws were absent, silent and suffered from ambiguity, thus, the restrictions on Champerty and Maintenance were thought to be applicable to litigation funding as it was not an accepted legal principle in U.K. However, conflicting decisions were handed down over time, which led to uncertainty regarding enforceability of such contracts.⁵ The pendulum of judicial opinions in India regarding the applicability of champerty has oscillated between extreme positions. An

²Champerty is the process whereby one person bargains with a party to a lawsuit to obtain a share in the proceeds of the suit. Maintenance is the support or promotion of another person's suit initiated by intermeddling for personal gain. The Legal Dictionary. <https://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com>.

³Hong-Lin Yu, *Can third party funding deliver justice in International Commercial Arbitration*, (2017) 20(1) Int. A.L.R. 2017.

⁴ An agreement by which a creditor, who of a sum difficult to recover, promises a portion, for example, one-third, to the person(who will undertake to recover it). In general, attorneys will abstain from, making such a contract, yet it is not unlawful. <https://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/pactum+de+quota+litis>.

⁵ See, M P Jain, 'The Law of Contract- Before its Codification' (1972)" Journal of the Indian law Institute, Special Issue: Laws of Evidence and Contract" pg 178

unreported decision of Peel J in 1825 had held that the according to English prohibitions on the principle of champerty & maintenance could not be applicable to India.⁶

The conflicts of Third Party Funding Litigation and Public Policy, was decided in 1876 by the Privy Council in *Ram Coomar Coondoo v Chandra Canto Mukerjee*,⁷ turning judicial tide in favor of concluding that statutes of champerty and maintenance under the common law were laws particularly designed for England, to curb down the corrupt practice of judicial officers oppressing the King's subjects by maintaining vexatious suits or purchasing rights in litigation. More importantly, it was held that these laws were of a special character and the British statutes relating to them were inapplicable in India. It recognized that agreement to finance to carry on an action as consideration as the interest of the share arising out appertaining to such case would not considered to be opposed to public policy. Providing relief to impecunious litigation clearly appeared into weigh with the Privy Council, and contracts inter the nature of Litigation Funding along with a third party were treated at par with other contracts. Other decisions have also reaffirmed that the doctrines of Champerty and Maintenance should not applicable in India, and that champertous contracts cannot be declared invalid only if the object is contrary to public policy.⁸

Thus position since then has remained uniform,⁹ viz. an agreement between a disputant and Third Party to finance the total cost or partial cost of suit in consideration for a share of the profits arising out of said litigation, was not per se illegal and could not be declared void on grounds of champerty and maintenance as these doctrines were not applicable to India and that outside funding agreements do in fact provide recourse to justice.¹⁰ Such agreements would be tested on the anvil of equity, reasonableness, and legality of the object behind the contracts, and unconscionable terms would be hit by s 23 of the Indian Contract Act 1872. In the absence of express prohibitions on champerty and maintenance in India, objection to such contracts remained centred on public policy considerations.¹¹

The permissibility of Third Party Litigation in India is seen in the rules of civil procedure made by various High Courts in the country which expressly recognize litigation financing and make provisions for 'security for costs' in such cases.¹²

The origins of TPFL have been tied back to certain practices in ancient Rome and Greece, but are most often associated with feudal practices in medieval England, when powerful noblemen lent their support to parties, who involved in lawsuit just to advance interests of their own to a unrelated case, which is to the merits of the underlying claim, such as to just decline competitors or as a source of income. Such behavior promote the criminal prohibition of champerty and maintenance, same as related civil torts and doctrines of contractual nullity in the common law world.

EVOLUTION, MEANING, SIGNIFICANCE OF THIRD PARTY FUNDING

⁶ Ibid at 188.

⁷ (1876-77) 4 IA 23,1876 SCC OnLine PC 19.

⁸ *Sri Raja Vatsavaya Venkata Subhadeayamma Jagapati Bahadur Garu v Sri Poosapati Venkatapati Raju Garu & Ors* AIR 1924 PC 162, (1924) LW 298, 1924 SCC OnLine PC 22;

⁹ *Lala Ram Swarup v The Court of Wards* (1940) 42 Bom LR 307 where the rule in *Ram Coomar Coondoo* was crystallised; *Rattan Chand Hira Chand v Askar Nawaz Jung (Dead) by LRs & Ors* (1991) 3 SCC 67.

¹⁰ *Kishen Lal Bhoomik v Pearee Soondree & Ors* 1852 *Sudder Dewanny Adawlut (SDA)* 394-397 [Case No. 137 of 1850 decided on 13 May 1852], where the court sought to bring clarity to the matter by holding that 'an arrangement of the nature of champerty is not of itself illegal or void' as 'it is not consistent with justice to dismiss a claim, because the claimant has some difficulty in meeting the expense of asserting that claim' by way of a third-party funding agreement. The court did however clarify that it would not enforce agreements in the nature of wagering contracts. Third-party funding agreements would not be barred due to this condition as, even the court recognised, such agreements do in fact provide access to justice.

¹¹ *Pannalal Gendalal & Anr v Thansingh Appaji & Anr* AIR 1952 Nag 195. Campbells (n 15) examined the position under common law jurisdictions including India, and the decision passed by the Privy Council in the case of *Ram Coomar Coondoo* (n 23).

¹² The Code of Civil Procedure 1908: Order XXV Rule 1 Allahabad, Andhra and Madras, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa High Court amendments; Order XXV Rule 3 Bombay, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Goa, Daman and Diu, and Madhya Pradesh High Court amendments.

Third-Party Funding for litigation is the “mechanism or process through which parties to arbitration proceedings can finance their claims through the help of an external funder”¹³ or may be called investor. Third-Party funder seems to be the financier/ investor, extend financial help sought for by the claimant in order to pursue a claim, in exchange for either the interest of percentage or share of the expected reward in the final judgement.

Basically, there are two types categories has been derived. First address what is generally understood to be the “formal” form of TPFL, which involves the provision by a third party of non-recourse financing for the expenses of prosecuting the proceeding, in exchange for the pecuniary gain in any funds to be recovered by the claimant. After introducing the single claim investment (formal form of TPFL) and the manner in which it is conveyed, the paper will turn to what may be understood to be "informal" forms of TPFL, including:

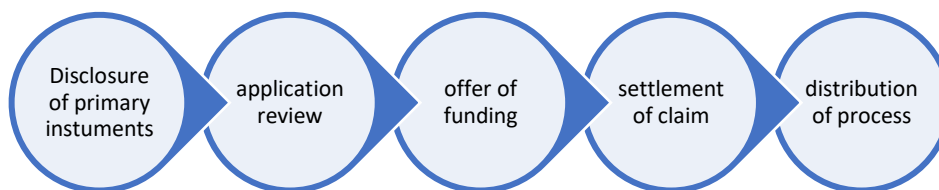
- Respondent-side TPFL;
- TPFL in the form of litigation-related insurance products;
- "Strategic TPFL", which, as explained further below, consists of funding directed to interests other than the realization of a financial return on the claim funded; and
- Legal fee arrangements as TPFL.

Basically two categories of arrangements were in practice concerning the Third Party Funding for Litigations, firstly, extending the financial help by the financier to bear the cost of legal costs of the party in the proceedings in share for agreed portion of the final decision/award, if the claimant wins, or an ascertained amount from the respondent as arranged in the agreement; and secondly, financier negotiates to finance the single case, or portfolio of cases of a law firm in exchange for a predetermined rate of return. Thus, the financier or funder becomes a distinct legal entity from both the funded party and the law firm in both types of traditional third-party financing.

"FORMAL" CLAIMANT-SIDE TPFL

Modern TPFL naturally involves the provision of non-recourse financing, such to cover all or any part of the costs and expenses, that is necessary for pursuing a claim (such as legal fees, expert fees, arbitrator and administrative costs and, in some cases), in exchange for a financial interest in any favourable award that issues from the claim.

THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR FUNDING



The mechanism to initiate third party funding for litigation commences with first disclosure of primary important instruments in addition to provide the indicative profiles of attainable value and subject of the dispute and its possible value for the appraisal of the feasibility of funding. The second stage is to review the application and any enclosed (*further disclosure of*) documents, required that may determine or condition predicted output of claim, costs to be incurred, and the potentiality of the party to meet the judgment. Third stage proceeds mostly relating to legal fees, disbursements, and payment of adverse costs order(s), if any, and also the security for costs if asked, by the Court or by the Arbitral Institute. Such arrangement entitles the the

¹³ Stavros Brekoulakis, “The Impact of Third Party Funding on Allocation for Costs and Security for Costs Applications: The ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force Report”, Queen Mary University of London, (February 2016).

Financier/Funder to have reimbursement the apportioned financial return as interest-fees (for accomplishment of outcomes) other than the project costs, i.e., the legal costs, practitioner costs and disbursements and such interest success fee from the final decision, which is normally ranges between 25% to 45% of the winning decision. But some case it can affect the factors that affecting the percentage include the size and cost value of the dispute value of the case, and its likely duration. The fee is normally less if the case resolves sooner. The next step is case progresses which is a kind of a support to the claimant and his lawyers, it may also provide strategic planning, which is basically monitoring and management during this process. The final step is the passing of Award and Distribution of the winning share process. If the dispute is successfully wined, the defendant, losing party will be obliged to bear the cost which is an agreed or pre-determined sum of value to pay into the plaintiff legal expenses including lawyer's trust account. After paying this sum of money to the lawyer, the advocate will deduct the fees owing in the case to the Funding Agreement, and pay the remaining balance, the succeed amount to his client. However if the claim fails in the lawsuit, then funder/investor is responsible for bearing the case amount that the Defendant's costs in the law suit on the basis of the terms agreed on the funding agreement.¹⁴

ENGLISH PRINCIPLES OF MAINTENANCE AND CHAMPERTY, PUBLIC POLICY & THIRD PARTY FUNDING FOR LITIGATION

The origins of TPFL derives from the famous common law principle of Champerty, that might be stated as "an agreement between an officious intermeddler in an exceedingly lawsuit and a litigant by which the intermeddler helps pursue the litigant's claim as consideration for receiving a part of any judgment proceeds" per se, the concept of TPFL is that the Funder would receive apportioned amount of the prices, awarded to the claimant in the arbitration proceedings, should the claimant succeeded in its claim. The extant legal definition is "any funding provided by a natural or legal one who isn't a celebration to the dispute but who enters into an agreement with a disputing party so as to finance part or all of the value of the proceedings reciprocally for remuneration, smitten by the result of the dispute, or within the kind of a donation or grant."¹⁵

These doctrines originate from public policy deliberations aimed to preserve the legitimate course of due process.¹⁶ They are meant to preserve the fairness of justice and still behold the basic premises for questioning the enforceability of a Litigation Funding Agreement.¹⁷ Further the US has implemented these doctrines with maintenance and champerty known as Usury and barratry mainly intended to safeguard public policy principles and due process of law.¹⁸ Barratry enhances frequency to the act of champerty for example several instances of champerty by a single person constitute barratry in some jurisdictions. However, the definition itself sometimes varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but generally refers to the act of "lending of money with interest "or "charging of illegal rate of interest." The applicability of "usury" to Third Party Funding, specially practices in US, depends on whether the state classifies this process as a loan.¹⁹

Maintenance and champerty are initially separate doctrines but sometimes they are often addressed together,²⁰ the philosophers believes that these doctrines for the first time saw in the ancient Greek legal usages that is to revealed at the early developments of the Roman law, and reintroduced under the empire of the medieval law

¹⁴ Conflict of interest in International Arbitration in the context of Third Party Funding, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnAJB0ChJCo>

¹⁵ European Union's proposal for "Investment Protection and Resolution of Investment Disputes" of 12 November 2015.

¹⁶ Black's Law dictionary, Seventh Edition, 1999. p. 1543.

¹⁷ LAW COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA, regulation of third party litigation funding in Australia: Position paper [online], June 2011, p. 7. Available at: <<http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/lawcouncil/images/LCAPDF/a-z-docs/RegulationofthirdpartylitigationfundinginAustralia.pdf>> (last consulted in 21/03/2015)

¹⁸ SEBOK Anthony J., «The inauthentic claim», *Vanderbilt Law Review*, vol. 64, n°298, 2011, p. 4-6.

¹⁹ If TPF is classifies as a loan, the court must examine if the debt's repayment is contingent or absolute if it is contingently repayable, there can be no usury. However in jurisdictions where TPF is not classified as a loan, the usury doctrine would generally not apply. See RODAK Mariel, «It's about Time: A System Thinking Analysis of the Litigation Finance Industry and Its Effect on Settlement», *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, vol. 155, n°2, December 2006, p. 512.

²⁰ PURI Poonam, «Financing of Litigation by Third-Party Investors: A Share of Justice?», *Hall Law Journal*, vol.36, n°3, 1998, p. 525

of West Europe, especially in England.²¹

Maintenance is defined as "providing of financial assistance to a holder of a claim to pursue his claim and to that the funder or provider of financial assistance holds no connection or valid interest in the claim itself." Champerty is an "aggravated"²² form of maintenance "in which the financer or may be called funder's reason for supporting the lawsuit is that he has an interest with funded party to get a share the profits that might be gained as a result of the suit."²³ Therefore, champerty orchestrated to that the funder shows a direct pecuniary interest in the outcome/final decision of the claim. This definition aptly suits the case of TPFL where the funder/investor invests his money in the claim in exchange for pre-decided amount of the reimbursements in case the privilege prevail.

THIRD PARTY FUNDING IN AUSTRALIA

Australia is known to have pioneered in configuring effective concept of Third Party Litigation Funding (further referred as TPLF) market.²⁴ The contour of Third Party Litigation Funding principle has not had a smooth surface across the globe due to number of reasons relating to its evolution of legal rules mostly for an extant hostile legal environment for TPLF thus inhibited the early progression of TPLF in Australia, UK and many countries.

The doctrine of Maintenance & Champerty was considered as common law theory in torts and crimes in Australia, at the time of colonization and subsisted coalition. In *Clyne v NSW Bar Association*²⁵ the High Court unanimously confirmed in a matrimonial litigation to strike off the wife's advocate, that out of the case for questioning the making of unsupported, that and serious accusations made by a husband against to his wife's advocate.

The turning point in Australia emerged in the decision passed by the High Court of Australia that in *Campbells Cash and Carry Pty Limited v. Fostif Pty Limited*²⁶, that when in a class action suit to recover the cost money, that paid by retailers of tobacco products, that to wholesalers and representing license fees, that the wholesalers did not pass onto the tax commissioner, because of the license fees were he held to be illegal.

The Legal Principle related to Litigation Funding in England and Wales:

The principle of Maintenance and Champerty though were abolished as offences in the UK by the Criminal Law Act 1967 in the UK. It is not wrong to say that that both the UK and Australian laws relating to TPLF share some shared fundamentals.

In Canada, TPLF is a fairly new phenomenon. Like Australia, TPLF in Canada has carried on relatively unburdened by regulation. Canadian courts' dealing with litigation funding agreements has developed over a series of cases beginning with the decision in *Dugal v Manulife Financial Corporation*. In a recent case, *Houle*,²⁷ *Bentham IMF Capital Inc. ("Bentham")* become engaged via the consultant plaintiffs in a category motion proceeding, the Houles, to offer litigation funding. The Houles sought an order of the court docket approving the litigation investment agreement among the Houles, Bentham, and sophistication suggest. The investment agreement stipulated that Bentham could pay (a) all disbursements of sophistication suggest up to a maximum amount (and then class counsel would fund the disbursements), (b) any fees assessed in opposition to the Houles, (c) any protection for prices, and (d) 50% of the reasonable docketed time of class recommend as much as a prescribed most amount (after which class counsel could only be paid by way of contingency fee). The investment settlement stipulated that while the Houles and sophistication suggest had been required to hold Bentham regularly knowledgeable approximately the motion, Bentham became now not accepted to intrude with or interject itself into the lawyer-purchaser relationship among the Houles and class

²¹ RADIN Max, «Maintenance by Champerty», California Law Review, vol.24, n°1. 1935, p. 48.

²² SWAIGEN John, LEVY Alan D. and WOODS Richard E. How to Fight for What's Right: The Citizen's Guide to Public Interest Law, Canada, James Lorimer & amp, 1 January, 1981, p. 63.

²³ ibid

²⁴ ibid

²⁵ (1960) 104 CLR 186.

²⁶ (2006) 229 CLR 386.

²⁷ *Dugal v. Manulife Fin. Corp.*, 2011 ONSC 1785, P 33 (Can.).

suggest. It also stipulated that Bentham might not be provided with statistics or documentation if such disclosure might jeopardize privilege.

Third Party Funding in EngLand and Wales:

English regulation though historically restricted the TPFL however, over the passage of time funding agreement has been gaining the ground with the growth of globalizing world and recent trends show the presence of professional outside funding/investing, who providers area of the London investing market, and a few particularly focused on international arbitration, and demand calls through the ‘Civil Justice Council and the Office of Fair Trading’. However, allowing of contingency-fees in a few instances have confined to traditional past limitations within the attention.

In *Arkin v Borchard Lines*, the Intrigue Court supported that now and again outsider financing may expand access to equity. The court has likewise characterized an "unadulterated" funder would not regularly be at risk for costs, under expense moving standards. In the event of *Arkin*, by one way or another, the intrigue court specifically saved its watchfulness to finish up outsider subsidizing plans as in opposition to open approach, just as to grant costs against an outsider funder. *Arkin* tenet is quiet, questionable and dubious regarding whether the contemplations that may make outsider financing passable in rivalry claims apply or not, that is, in a speculator state discretion, where there is a doubtful open enthusiasm for authorizing arrangement rights or, in reality, in a Worldwide Business Mediation.

By and large Subsidizing by legal advisors/advocates in London, in their customer request, which is characterized under Area 58 of the Courts and Lawful Administrations Act 1990, presently allows restrictive expense plans, (for the situation where legal counselors recuperate nothing, on the off chance that he fruitless for the situation, however he will get up to twofold, if their real charges and expenses if effective) in some environmental factors. Alongside that, English law despite everything forces generally tough forbiddances on possibility charge courses of action (where the legal counselor gets a portion of any judgment or grant). On account of *Bevan Asford v Geoff Yeandle*, the court held that "the preclusion on possibility expenses reached out to discretions, and excused prior recommendations from given by the court". Since discretion was an increasingly like gathering self-sufficiency and consensual procedure, a similar open approach contemplations ought not have any significant bearing.

Third Party Funding in Hong Kong and Singapore:

As well known for the Internal Commercial Arbitration hubs Singapore and Hong Kong have established progress in the area of arbitration by abolishing the old and traditional english principles of maintenance and champerty as crime and tort, for the development of third party funding in arbitration. However, these jurisdictions have developed special regulation to their arbitration, and also introduced laws, which provide for oversight of the industry. In February 2019, Hong Kong implemented legislative amendments, speaking to provide for the legitimate and to legalized of third party funding(TPF) of Hong Kong seated arbitrations. On 14 June 2017, the Hong Kong Legislative Council, has passed the ‘*Arbitration and Mediation Legislation (Third Party Funding) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017* (the Ordinance)’. The Ordinance distinguishes arbitration and mediation from traditional litigation, and permits the third party funding of arbitration and mediation in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong developments followed shortly it promotes Singapore to opened up to third party funding of arbitrations seated in the jurisdiction. This reasoning was affirmed by the Singapore Court of Appeal in *Otech Pakistan Pvt Ltd v. Clough Engineering Ltd* holding that the doctrines of maintenance and champerty shall apply to the same degree to arbitration as it is in litigation when stating that the "purity of justice and the interests of vulnerable litigants are as important in such proceedings as they are in litigation" and adding that "the law of champerty stems from public policy considerations that apply to all types of legal disputes and claims, whether the parties have chosen to use the court process... or have resorted to a private dispute resolution system like arbitration."²⁸

Third Party Funding is not alien to the Indian legal market. In 2015, the Supreme Court in Bar Council of

²⁸ Maurer Anton G., “The public policy exception under New York convention: History, interpretation and application”, 2nd ed. USA, Juris Publishing, 1 June 2013, p. 166.

India v. AK Balaji, clarified the legal permissibility of TPF in litigation and observed that “There appears to be no restriction on third parties (non-lawyers) funding the litigation and getting repaid after the outcome of the litigation”.

CONCLUSION

Third-party funding in International Commercial Arbitration, promotes a multitude of policy issues/regulations, that are precise to the very special unique context. Thus, proper explanations for Third Party Funding mechanism, that may or may not practice in further to dispute, which may not necessarily practice in this same area of legal action. But with development of liberalizing world and while with the growth of Third Party Funding/outside financing in International Commercial Arbitration, that certain professional are exploring and speaking about some important issues related to this practice such as ‘conflicts of interests’ and ‘security for costs’ matters, that may countries have developed their own regulations to secure these problems which is a series of more systemic concerns in today's time and that can bring more attention to the merit of the case.

Despite being a recent growth of TPF in the liberalizing world, TPF has always significantly attracted the minds of the professionals, and specially to the legislature just in only a couple of years with the growing trends and with the justice system. However, the evolution of TPF specially in international arbitration has shown a remarkable achievement in various jurisdictions worldwide has "only led to a plethora of ethical concerns and questions." Though it is difficult, to take consideration of emerging principles of TPF in ethical concerns in International Arbitration.

The ubiquity of TPF with regards to Global Business Intervention, will without a doubt become more clear in the ongoing changes and case law all through the world. Beforehand, the run of the mill of case law (varies reality to truth) and rules/approaches are centered around TPF in residential prosecution among with global business assertion, which makes it understood with the annulment of the precept of Champerty and maintenance, which characterized a convincing decisions about the strategies and status of TPF in worldwide business intervention. Close to every one of these things the absence of adequate information, which is by all accounts the rehashed subject in the tale of Outsider investing methods, in ICA and apparently making taught surmises about the status of TPF, is the thing that we are sentenced to do until increasingly solid information is accessible.

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