## REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AURHORITY, BIHAR

## In the Court of Adjudicating Officer

**Case No: RERA/SM/39/2018** 

**Authorised Representative of RERA** 

...Complainant

Versus

M/s. Agrani Homes Real Marketing Pvt. Ltd.

...Respondent

Project: Agarani Grand City, Patna/Agarni SBI Nagar

Present: For Authority: Shri Abhinay Priyadarshi, Authorized Legal Counsel.

For Respondent: None

03.09.2024 <u>ORDER</u>

The matter was taken. Learned counsel for Authority is present. No one appears on behalf of the respondent, however, a reply dated 30-05-2018 has been filed on behalf of the respondent.

The Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar issued a Suo Motu show- cause notice on 16.05.2018 to the respondent company for contravention of section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act 2016 by advertising and taking booking in the project Agrani Grand City, Patna without registering the project with RERA, Bihar. The promoters were directed to show cause as to why proceedings under Sections 35& 59 of the Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act 2016 may not be initiated against them.

The respondent filed a reply stating that Project Agrani Grand City, Patna is now presently known as Agrani SBI Nagar. It has been further submitted by the respondent that mistake was committed which

was not deliberate rather it was in the misconception of the understanding of law. It has also been submitted that these mistake are in humble submission which has to be pardoned.

The Technical Wing placed on record the report dated 02-09-2024 in regard to estimated cost of the project along with the site photographs of the project.

Perused the record. The Authority observes that the promoters have evidently advertised their project namely Agrani Grand City, Patna which is now presently known as Agrani SBI Nagar without obtaining registration from RERA, Bihar.

The Authority takes note that under the first proviso of Section 3 of the Act, all the ongoing real estate projects were required to register by 31st July, 2017 with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar. Further, Section 3 of the Act provides that no promoter can advertise, market, book, sell or offer for sale or invite persons to purchase in any manner any plot, apartment or building as the case may be, in any real estate projector part of it, in any planning area within a State, without registering the real estate project with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) established under this Act.

The term Advertisement has been defined in the section 2 (b) of the Act as follows: "Advertisement means any document described or issued as advertisement through any medium and includes any notice, circular or other documents or publicity in any form, informing persons about a real estate project, or offering for sale of a plot, building or apartment or inviting persons to purchase in any manner such plot, building or apartment or to make advances or deposits for such purposes."

Thus, the Authority holds that the respondents have advertised their project and thereby violated the provisions of Section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act, 2016.

In the light of observations made above, it is established that respondent company has contravened the provisions of Section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 by not registering their project namely Agrani Grand City, Patna which is now presently known as Agrani SBI Nagar with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar, the Authority has decided to levy a penalty as per Section 59(1) of the RERA Act, 2016. The penalty amount is Rs. 30,00,000/-, (Rupees Thirty Lakh) which is around 1% of the total estimated cost of the project. This amount is to be paid by the respondent company within sixty days of the issuance of this order, Non-compliance with this directive will result in action under Section 59(2) of the RERA Act, 2016.

With these observations and directions, the matter is disposed of.

Sd/-**Ambrish Kumar Tiwari A.O.**