REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (RERA), BIHAR Before the Single Bench of Mrs. Nupur Banerjee, Member

Case No: RERA/CC/639/2019

Kishore Kumar Verma

...Complainant

Vs.

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

Project: Agrani P.G. Town

20/03/2023

<u>ORDER</u>

In this matter, the complainant has booked a flat bearing Flat No.105, 1st Floor, Block-G in Agrani P.G. Town having super built-up area of 1300 sq.ft. along with one reserve car parking situated at Mauza Sarari, P.S. Danapur, District Patna for which a Memorandum of Understanding was made between the complainant and the respondent company and out of total consideration of Rs.15.50 lakh he has paid Rs.14,35,407/- and service tax of Rs.64,593/-through different cheques in the year 2016. It is further stated that the project has not been started till date, even not a single brick is there. He has prayed to direct the respondent to complete the project without further delay or to refund the money with interest.

The complainant has placed on record the copy of the MOU and the money receipts.

Perused the record.

In the light of the previous direction a petition has been filed on behalf of the respondent stating that the respondent has contacted the complainant and has offered for alternative plot at Parmanandpur, Sonepur by way of settlement or to continue with the present booking till completion of the project within 36 months but the complainant is not interested with the said offer.

A petition u/s 37 read with Regulation 12(6) of the RERA Act, 2016 has been filed on behalf of the respondent to recall the interim order dated 10.02.2021 passed by the Double Bench.

In the light of the order dated 26.04.2022 an affidavit has been filed on behalf of the complainant stating that no offer was received by the complainant and he is interested to take flat at IOB Nagar- PG1 & PG2. He has also prayed that the respondent be directed to pay statutory interest for every month of delay as per section 18 of the RERA Act.

In compliance of the order dated 16.01.2023 an affidavit has been filed on behalf of the complainant regarding cancellation of agreement enclosing a copy of the cancellation letter dated 30.01.2023 sent to the respondent company in which he has also prayed for amendment of the prayer for refund of the amount paid with interest.

On the last date of hearing the complainant reiterated his prayer for refund with interest.

The Bench notes that despite several opportunities the respondent failed to appear before the Bench so, order is being passed on the basis of documents available on record.

In the light of the documents placed on record and submission made and considering that the respondent has taken the economic benefit of the consideration amount paid by the complainant in lieu of booking of the alleged flat, the Bench hereby directs the respondent company and its Directors to refund the principal amount of Rs.15.00 lakh to the complainant along with interest at the rate of marginal cost of fund-based lending rate (MCLR) of State bank of India as applicable for three years plus 3% interest from the date of taking booking till the date of refund within sixty days of issue of this order.

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

Sd/-Nupur Banerjee (Member)