

REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, BIHAR

Before the Single Bench of Mrs. Nupur Banerjee

Case No. CC/1073/2021

Alka.....Complainant

Vs.

M/s Shine City Infra Project Pvt. Ltd.Respondent

Project: Tashi Sector-1

ORDER

30/08/2022

The matter was last heard on 14-07-2022.

The case of the complainant is that she booked a plot in the project Tashi Sector-1 and paid total amount of Rs.2,50,000/- in lieu of the booking of plot. Since, the plot was not allotted after waiting for years, the complainant has filed the present case praying for refund of amount paid along with interest.

The complainant has placed on record; Account of Bank Statement showing payment made to respondent company in lieu of booking of plot but not placed any money receipts issued by the respondent company. Further complainant has placed cheque bearing no.005219, issued by respondent company of Kotak Bank, dated 24-11-2019, of Lucknow Branch.

The Authority notes that the respondent has violated Section 3 of RERA Act, 2016 as the respondent was continuously advertising, marketing, booking, selling apartments/plots without registering the real estate project with RERA. This matter may be included in the Suo Moto proceeding against the respondent company.

Perused the record. No reply has been filed by the respondent.

During the last hearing complainant was present and reiterated her prayer for refund of Rs.2,50,000, paid to respondent.

No one appears on behalf of respondent company on the last date of hearing.

During the course of hearing in analogues cases also respondent has never appeared before the Authority. An interim order was passed on 24.02.2021, directing to freeze all the bank accounts of the respondents and further directed the IG Registration not to register any apartment/plots of the aforesaid project and the matter was further referred to Economic Offence Wing of Bihar Police.

On the request made by the Authority, the E.O.W. vide letter no: - 5941 dated 23.08.2021 requested the SSP, Patna to look into the matter and take necessary action against the respondent company and connected persons.

The Bench directs that a copy of the proceedings/order may be sent to SSP, Patna for appropriate action.

The Bench observes that the allottee has not sent any communication to the promoter regarding cancellation of booking. The Authority ought to be approached only after the promoter fails to respond to such communication. However, since the matter has already been heard, and the promoter is not appearing, orders are being pronounced.

In the light of submissions made and documents placed and considering the prayer of complainant for refund, the Bench hereby directs the respondent company and its directors to refund the principal amount of Rs.2,50,000/- 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 two percent from the date of taking the 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