

REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, BIHAR

Before the Single Bench of Mrs. Nupur Banerjee

Complaint Case No. RERA/CC/1102/2020

Ashutosh Kumar Sinha.....Complainant

V/s

M/s DDL Infratech Pvt. Ltd.....Respondent

Project: Agrani First City

For Complainant: Mr. Sharad Shekhar, Advocate

**For Respondent: Mr. Rabindra Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Shiv Kumar, M.D.**

28/09/2022

ORDER

The matter was last heard on 22-08-2022.

1. This complainant petition has been filed seeking relief to direct the respondent to provide physical possession of land with all the amenities as committed under the terms of sale deed no.21601, dated 27-07-2012. Further the complainant also seeks to direct the respondent to compensate by paying interest @10% on the total value of land for delay in delivery of the possession of the plot and to pay compensation of Rs.25,000/- for inconvenience, harassment and mental torture. Complainant has also prayed to direct the respondent to pay Rs.25,000/- as the litigation cost.
2. In short, the case of the complainant is that the respondent has executed the Sale Deed No. 21601, dated 27-07-2012, in favor of complainant for the plot measuring 3600 sq. ft. on the consideration amount of Rs. 4.80 lakh after the payment of full consideration amount. It has been further submitted that respondent has given assurance to provide well planned society with the facilities of good drainage system, electricity etc. but when complainant approached the plot, no development found as per

deed and asked for physical possession. It has been further submitted that after the lapse of more than several years and after several requests, the plot has been not handed over to complainant with development. Hence, this complaint.

3. Perused the record of the case. The respondent has not filed any specific reply. However, learned counsel for the respondent remained present during the course of hearings along with M.D. of the respondent company and made their submissions.
4. During the last hearing, learned counsel for the respondent has submitted that they had shown the alternative plot to complainant, upon which learned counsel for the complainant submitted that complainant is ready to take the alternative plot.

The Bench observes that the Project was applied for registration but was not approved due to map not approved by the competent authority and liberty was given to apply a fresh with the map getting approved from the competent authority, hence, the project was registrable as per 1st Proviso of Section 3(1) of the Act. The Hon'ble Supreme Court recently in M/s Newtech Promoters & Developers Pvt. Ltd. Vs State of U.P & Ors. [2022] (1) RCR (Civil) 357 has observed that the Act is not retrospective in nature, rather it is retroactive because it affects the existing rights of the persons mentioned in the Act like promoter, allottee etc. The intent of legislature was to include all ongoing projects which commenced prior to the enforcement of the Act and this project was also an ongoing project as evident from the documents placed.

Further, In Lavasa Corporation Limited v/s Jitendra Jagdish Tulsiani & Others, Second Appeal (Stamp) Nos. 9717 of 2018 & 18465 of 2018, 18467 of 2018 with Civil Application Nos. 683 of 2018, 791 of 2018, 792 of 2018, the Hon'ble Bombay High court has observed that RERA is brought on Statute Book to ensure greater accountability towards the consumers and significantly reduce frauds and delays, as also the current high transaction costs. It attempts to balance the interests of consumers and promoters, by imposing certain

responsibilities on both. It seeks to establish symmetry of information between the promoter and purchaser, transparency of contractual conditions and set minimum standards of accountability and a fast-track dispute resolution mechanism. The RERA, as stated in its 'Objects and Reasons', was enacted for inducting professionalism and standardization in the sector, thus, paving the way for accelerated growth and investments in the long run.

Hence, the Bench finds that the present Complaint Case is fall within the ambit of RERA Act, 2016 to entertain and therefore, maintainable against the Respondent.

The Bench takes the notes of committee report dated 18-02-202 placed on record for kind perusal as submitted by the committee went for inspection as per the direction of the Authority by giving their findings therein.

In the light of the submissions, advanced by learned counsel for the parties and documents placed, this Bench deals the issue raised in the present complainant in the following manner:-

As regards the possession of plot, the Bench takes the notes of submissions of learned counsel for the parties made during the last hearing on 22-08-2022 and directs respondent to provide the alternative plot, shown to complainant within 60 days of issuance of this order.

As regard Development is concerned, the Bench takes the notes of photographs placed as well as many photographs and videos of the project indicating development shown during the course of hearings and observes that it cannot be said that no development work has been done by the respondent at the project site but yes, few more works are needed to be done at the project site to say that project is complete and developed in all respect, hence, the Bench, directs respondent to complete the work of development at the project sites required to be completed as per agreement as soon as possible, so that, complainant/allottees can stay/ live there in better environment.

As regard, the execution of exchange deed is concerned, considering the last hearing submissions in respect to alternative plot, the Bench directs respondent to execute the same immediately after handing over the possession as per the above stated direction.

As regards claim for compensation is concerned, the complainant is at liberty to press the same before the A.O. as per the provisions of the Act.

With these directions and observations, this complaint petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

Nupur Banerjee
Member