REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (RERA), BIHAR

Before the Single Bench of Mr. Naveen Verma, Chairman

Case No. CC/360/2021

Sri. Ashutosh Tiwari

..... Complainant

Vs.

M/s Shinecity Infra Project Pvt. Ltd.

..... Respondent

Project: Tashi Sector-1

Present: For Complainant: Ms. Sweta Singh, Advocate For Respondent: None

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12.05.2022

This matter was last heard on 25.04.2022.

The complainant, Sri. Ashutosh Tiwari booked plot no. E-829 in the project Tashi Sector-1 on 29.09.2018 for which he paid Rs. 1,50,000/- vide cheque no:- 899122 and Rs. 50,000/- vide cheque no:- 899123 . Since respondent has not done any work till date, the complainant sought relief for refund of amount paid to the respondent along with interest and Compensation. He has filed the money receipts no:- R1133871 & R1131096 amounting Rs. 2,00,000/- which was given by the respondent.

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. It is observed that the respondent company has not applied for RERA registration as yet, and hence, the offence is of continuing nature.

Perused the records, No reply has been filed by the respondent.

During the course of hearing it was further observed that the respondent never appeared before the Bench. 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 EOU 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.

On last date of hearing the learned counsel of the complainant reiterated his prayer.

Having heard the submissions of both the parties the Bench hereby directs the respondent company and their directors to refund the principal amount of Rs.2,00,000/- 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 from the date of taking the booking till the date of refund within sixty days of issue of this order. The complainant is at liberty to approach the Adjudicating officer under relevant sections of the Act for their claims, which are in the nature of compensation from the respondent company.

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

Sd/-

Naveen Verma (Chairman)