REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (RERA), BIHAR

Before the Double Bench of Mr. Naveen Verma, Chairman &Mrs.Nupur Banerjee, Member

Case No. CC/1565/2020

Anamika Kumari

...Complainant

Vs.

M/s Agrani Homes Pvt Ltd

... Respondent

Project: Agrani Shivdhayan

ORDER

28.01.2022

This matter was last heard along with batch of cases by the Double Bench on 11.01.2022.

The case of the complainant is that she had booked a flat on 23.03.2018, having an area of 1000sq.ft, in block- A of the proposed project "Agrani Shivdhyan" of the respondent company and deposited Rs.2,50,000/- (Two Lakhs and Fifty Thousand Only) as an advance though RTGS and Cash as per the KYC. Since there was no development/construction of the project, complainant has prayed for refund of booking amount along with interest.

The Complainant has paidRs.1,00,000/- (One Lakhs) through NEFT dated 23.03.2018 for which money receipt No.6437 dated 27.03.2018 was issued, Rs.1,50,000/- (One Lakh) through cash for which a receipt issued.

Perused the records of the case. No reply has been filed by respondent company. However, Mr. Alok Kumar, Managing Director of the respondent company was present on the last date ofhearing and has not challenged the submission of the complainantandthefacts are being admitted.

On the last date of hearing, on the request of Mr. AlokKumar, MD of the respondent company for cancellation of agreement with land owner the Bench had directed the respondent to submit joint affidavit as uploaded on the website of the Authorityanddemanddraft of the 'non' amount so that some amount could be returned to the allottees of this project.

It is apparent from the documents filed by the complainant that notwithstanding the fact that the project was not registered, the promoter went ahead with new bookings in 2018. This is a blatant violation of Section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016. Suo Moto proceedings may be initiated against the respondent company under section 59 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.

The Authority directs the respondent company and theirDirectors to refund the principal amount of Rs.2,50,000 to the complainant along with interest at the rate of marginal cost of fundbased lending rates (MCLR) of State Bank of India as applicable for two years from the date of taking the booking within sixty daysof issue of this order.

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

Sd/-**Nupur Banerjee**(Member)

Sd/-Naveen Verma (Chairman)