## SUO MOTU ADVERTISEMENT CASE NO. 70 OF 2023

# BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, MUMBAI

# SUO MOTU ADVERTISEMENT CASE NO. 70 OF 2023

MahaRERA on its Own Motion

.... Complainant

Versus

Farmerzone

.... Respondent/ Promoter

MahaRERA Project Registration No. - Unregistered with MahaRERA Coram: Dr Vasant Prabhu, Secretary, MahaRERA None appeared on behalf of the Respondent / Promoter.

#### ORDER

# 26th July 2023

### (Through Video Conferencing)

- The MahaRERA Authority had issued a show cause notice dated 12/07/2023 to the Promoter above named for publishing an advertisement dated 01/04/2023 in Maharashtra Times Newspaper without registering the said project with MahaRERA Authority, situated at Raigad.
- The Promoter, despite receiving the show cause notice dated 12/07/2023, failed to provide a satisfactory explanation within the specified time period mentioned in the aforementioned show cause notice.
- 3. In this regard, a hearing was scheduled on 26/07/2023 through video conferencing as per the MahaRERA Circular No. 27/2020 and MahaRERA Order No. 593/2023, when the Promoter can appear through its representative and make its submissions.
- 4. During the aforementioned hearing, the Promoter failed to appear even though the notice of hearing and the link for the hearing was duly served upon the Promoter.
- 5. In this regard, it is necessary to peruse the provisions of Section 3 of the RERA which reads as under:

"3. No Promoter shall advertise, market, book, sell or offer for sale, or invite persons to purchase in any manner any plot, apartment, or building, as the case may be, in any real estate project or part of it, in any planning area, without registering the real estate project

### SUO MOTU ADVERTISEMENT CASE NO. 70 OF 2023

with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority established under this Act."

- 6. An interpretation of Section 3 reveals that the Promoter is legally obligated to refrain from engaging in activities such as advertising, marketing, booking, selling, or inviting individuals to purchase any plot, apartment, or building unless the real estate project in question has been duly registered with MahaRERA.
- 7. In the present case, it has been established that the Promoter had released a small-sized advertisement in the Maharashtra Times Newspaper without fulfilling the requisite registration process with MahaRERA for the advertised project.
- 8. Therefore, it is hereby directed that a written communication to be sent to the Planning Authority, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Promoter has obtained any requisite authorisation for the aforementioned project, and no additional authorisation shall be granted for the said project until such time as the aforementioned project has been duly registered with MahaRERA. Moreover, it is directed that the Registration and Stamp Office shall be instructed to abstain from registering any sale agreements within the said project, until such time as the project is duly registered with MahaRERA Authority, in accordance with the stipulations outlined in the said Act.
- 9. With the above directions, the present case stands disposed of.

(Dr. Vasant Prabhu)

Secretary, MahaRERA