SUO MOTU ADVERTISEMENT CASE NO. 146 OF 2023

BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY,

MUMBAI

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MahaRERA on its Own Motion

.... Complainant

Versus

Sanghvi Group

.... Respondent/Promoter

MahaRERA Project Registration No. - Unregistered Project Coram: Dr. Vasant Prabhu, Secretary, MahaRERA

None appeared for the Promoter / Respondent.

ORDER

8th December 2023 (Through Video Conferencing)

- The Advertising Standards Council of India had issued an intimation letter dated 27.10.2023 to the Promoter above named for issuing an advertisement on website dated 27.08.2023 in regard to their real estate project "Aaditya Arcade" situated at Lamington Road, Mumbai without incorporating the MahaRERA project registration number and Quick Response (QR) Code of the said real estate project in the said advertisement.
- 2. However, it was observed that the said project "Aaditya Arcade" was advertised without registering the said project with MahaRERA Authority.
- The Promoter, inspite of having received the intimation letter from the "Advertising Standards Council of India" failed to comply with MahaRERA regulation and modify or withdraw the said advertisement.
- 4. In this regard, a hearing was scheduled on 08.12.2023 through video conferencing as per the MahaRERA Circular No. 27/2020 and MahaRERA Order No. 593/2023, wherein the Promoter could have appeared through its representative and made its submissions.

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- 5. However, during the course of proceedings, the Promoter failed to appear even though the notice of hearing and the link for the hearing was duly served upon the Promoter.
- 6. 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 with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority established under this Act."

- 7. 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.
- 8. However, in the present case, it has been established that the Promoter had published an advertisement on website dated 27.08.2023 without fulfilling the requisite registration process with MahaRERA Authority for the advertised project.
- 9. Furthermore, since the said real estate project "Aaditya Arcade" is not registered with the MahaRERA Authority as per the mandates of Section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, the matter can be taken up as a source complaint.
- 10. Therefore, the matter should be transferred to Legal Consultant, Mrs. Nalini Sathe for further necessary action.

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11. In view of the above, the present case stands disposed of.

(Dr. Vasant Prabhu) Secretary, MahaRERA