SUO MOTU ADVERTISEMENT CASE NO. 01 OF 2023

BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, MUMBAI

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MahaRERA on its own Motion

.... Complainant

Versus

Chandramouli Properties

.... Respondent/ Promoter

MahaRERA Project Registration No. P51500048481

Coram: Dr Vasant Prabhu, Secretary, MahaRERA

Mr. Sheetal Kumar appeared for the respondent/ promoter.

ORDER

18th April 2023 (Through Video Conferencing)

- The MahaRERA authority had issued a show cause notice dated 08/03/2023 to the promoter above named for publishing an advertisement dated 05/03/2023, in the Lokmat Newspaper, without mentioning the MahaRERA project registration number, in regard to the project "Chandramouli Pinnacle – 2" bearing MahaRERA registration no. P5150004848, situated at Aurangabad.
- 2. The promoter by its reply dated 20/03/2023, to the said show cause notice dated 08/03/2023, had submitted that the project being its first project, there had been inadvertent oversight from the marketing team in granting consent for certain advertisements due to which the MahaRERA registration number was not mentioned in the advertisement dated 05/03/2023.
- 3. In this regard, a hearing was scheduled on 17/04/2023 through video conferencing as per the MahaRERA Circular No. 27/2020 and

MahaRERA Order No. 593/2023, when the promoter appeared through its representative and made its submissions.

- 4. During the hearing, the promoter submitted that due to oversight the MahaRERA registration number was not mentioned in the advertisement published in Lokmat newspaper dated 05/03/2023. The promoter further assured that henceforth the MahaRERA registration number will be mentioned in all the advertisements.
- In this regard, it is necessary to peruse the provision of section 11(2) of the RERA which reads as under:

"11(2) The advertisement or prospectus issued or published by the promoter shall mention prominently the website address of the Authority, wherein all details of the registered project have been entered and include the registration number obtained from the Authority and such other matters incidental thereto."

- 6. From the plain reading of the section 11(2), the promoter is under obligation to mention prominently, the registration number of the project in the advertisements or the prospectus issued by it. However, in the present case, the promoter has published a small sized advertisement in the Lokmat newspaper dated 05/03/2023. Further, the promoter has failed to publish the MahaRERA registration number in the said advertisement. Hence, the promoter is in violation of section 11(2) of RERA.
- In view of the above a penalty of Rs. 50,000/- under section 61 of the RERA, is imposed upon the promoter for violation of section 11(2).

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- The said penalty shall be payable by the promoter within a period of 15 days from the date of this order, failing which a further penalty of Rs. 1,000/- per day would be imposed till compliance.
- 9. The Technical and Finance Department of the MahaRERA authority shall verify the payment of the said penalty before processing any applications viz. extension, correction, change of name etc., with respect to the said project.
- 10. With the above directions, the present case stands disposed of.

(Dr Vasant Prabhu)

Secretary, MahaRERA