BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, NAGPUR SUO MOTU ADVERTISEMENT CASE NO. 16 OF 2024

MahaRERA on its own Motion

.... Complainant

Versus

JSC Seeds Pvt.Ltd.

.... Respondent/ Promoter

MahaRERA Project Registration No. – Unregistered with MahaRERA

Coram: Shri.Sanjay Bhimanwar, Dy. Secretary, MahaRERA

CA Yash Nagar appeared for the respondent/ promoter.

ORDER

21st March 2024

(Through Video Conferencing)

1. The Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority has delegated certain powers on me dated 26/04/2023 under Section -81 of the Real Estate (R&D)Act 2016(hereinafter called as "Act 2016"). The said powers, inter alia, contains imposing of penalty under section-59 of the Act-2016 for contravention of section -3 of the Act, 2016 by the promoter and to impose penalty under section-61 of the Act, 2016 for contravention of section-11(2) of the Act, 2016 by the promoter. In Exercise of the powers delegated to me under section 81 of the Act, 2016, notices were served to the parties, heard the parties and thereafter matter is disposed of.

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- 2. The MahaRERA authority had issued a show cause notice dated 21/02/2024 to the promoter above named for publishing an advertisement in Hello Lokmat, E-paper, Jalana dated 10/02/2024 & 11/02/2024, in regard to the projects, Jindal Sarovar situated at MIDC road, Jalana without registering the said project with MahaRERA which is in violation of section 3 of the Act- 2016.
- 3. The promoter, by its reply dated 27/02/2024 to the show cause notice dated 21/02/2024 had submitted that the aforementioned project-Jindal Sarovar being plotted development, had already been received with NA orders dated 11/08/2022 and final approval from the Tahsildar of Jalana. The Promoter had further submitted that the internal works such as roads, drainage pipelines and other work as mandated by Commencement certificate had also been completed. The Promoter further submitted that as per MahaRERA circular No. 25/2019, if the project is NA (in case of plotted development), it is excluded from MahaRERA registration and hence the aforesaid project being NA, does not require to comply with MahaRERA registration. The promoter had furnished the NA order dated 11/08/2022 issued by the Tahsildar, Jalana.
- 4. In this regard, a hearing was scheduled on 01/03/2024, when the Promoter appeared through its representative and made its submission. After hearing the Promoter through representative, the matter was adjourned for document submission. Accordingly, the Promoter had submitted the supporting document. Hence, in this regard, a next hearing was scheduled on 21/03/2024, when the Promoter appeared through its representative and made its submission.
- 5. During the hearing, the Promoter submitted that being plotted development and being received with NA order and final approval from the Tahsildar, Jalan, the aforesaid project-Jindal Sarovar does not require to comply with MahaRERA registration as per MahaRERA circular No 25/2019.

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6. In this regard, it is necessary to pursue the provision of Section 3 of the RERA which reads as under:

"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. From the plain reading of Section 3, the Promoter is under obligation not to advertise, market, book, sell or offer for sale, or invite persons to purchase any plot, apartment or building, without registering the real estate project with MahaRERA.
- 8. In the present case, the Promoter had published a quarter page advertisement in Hello Lokmat, E-paper, Jalana dated 10/02/2024 & 11/02/2024, in regard to the project- Jindal Sarovar without registering the said projects with MahaRERA. However, it has been established that the aforesaid projects being plotted development and being received with NA orders and final approval from the competent authority, the promoter is not in violation of section 3 of the Act- 2016.
- 9. In view of the above, the present case stands closed.

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Dy.Secretary, MahaRERA,Nagpur.