

**BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA
REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, MUMBAI**
Virtual Hearing held through video conference as per
MahaRERA Circular No.: 27/2020

REGULATORY CASE NO. 87 OF 2023

PROMOTER NAME RAJAN MANCHANDA

PROJECT NAME NIDHI TOWERS

MAHARERA PROJECT REGISTRATION NO. P51800008893

ORDER

(In an extension application)

November 07, 2023

(Date of hearing – 13.10.2023 matter reserved for order)

Coram: Shri Ajoy Mehta, Chairperson, MahaRERA
CA Aditya Zantye for the Promoter

1. RAJAN MANCHANDA is the Promoter/Developer within the meaning of Section 2(zk) of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (“**said Act**”) of Real Estate Regulatory Authority (“**RERA**”) and had registered the project “NIDHI TOWERS” under section 5 of the said Act bearing MAHARERA **Registration No. P51800008893** (hereinafter referred to as the “**said Project**”).
2. The Promoter has filed an extension application No. EXT51800017322 on 09.08.2023 (hereinafter referred to as “**said extension application**”) seeking for extension of the said Project under section 7(3) of the said Act which was heard by this Authority on 13.10.2023 wherein the following roznama was recorded:
*“The Promoter informs that all pending compliances with respect to Form 5, Form 1,2,3, disclosure on sold-unsold inventory and Form 2A have been made. The project consists of 8 units and presently they have almost completed the work. They have applied for OC and expect it soon. The Promoter seeks extension till 31.01.2024.
The Secretary, MahaRERA to verify the compliances and put up the same. Matter is reserved for order subsequent to verification by Secretary, MahaRERA.”*

3. Before moving ahead, the Authority notes the registration details already on record. The Promoter while seeking registration of the said Project had submitted the date of completion as 31.07.2021. MahaRERA granted three (3) extensions on the ground of Covid-19 pandemic which were granted to all the projects registered with MahaRERA and qualifying under Notifications / Orders Nos. 13, 14 & 21 dated 02.04.2020, 18.05.2020 & 06.08.2021 respectively along with extension granted under Section 6 of the said Act whereby the date of completion was extended up to 31.07.2023. The Promoter states that extension is required as there was delay due to Covid-19 pandemic, lockdown, shortage of labour, stop work notices, stay due to orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues due to RERA bank account being frozen, pending suits before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court and pending amounts receivable from the Allottees. The Promoter further states that he is in the process for applying for occupancy certificate. Hence the Promoter has applied for extension vide the said extension application herein under section 7(3) of the said Act for the period from 01.08.2023 to 31.01.2024.

4. Thus, the issue before this Authority is with regard to grant of extension under Section 7(3) of the said Act. In this regard it is pertinent to note that the Promoter this time has not been able to obtain 2/3rd majority consents of the Allottees of the said Project. In this context the relevant extract of Section 7(3) is reproduced hereinbelow for ease of reference:

"7 (3) The Authority may, instead of revoking the registration under sub-section (1), permit it to remain in force subject to such further terms and conditions as it thinks fit to impose in the interest of the allottees, and any such terms and conditions so imposed shall be binding upon the promoter."

On the plain reading of Section 7(3) of the said Act, it is clear that instead of revoking the registration this Authority can impose certain terms and conditions as it thinks fit to let the registration remain in force.

5. Pursuant to the roznama dated 13.10.2023, the Authority had directed Secretary, MahaRERA to verify that all QPRs filed by the Promoter in the said Project. In view thereof on 31.10.2023 Secretary, MahaRERA has submitted a summary

report of compliances in the said Project which is marked as **Annexure 'A'** herein. On the perusal of the report the Authority observes that the Promoter has not complied with compliances mandated under RERA.

6. Moving further, the issue of the extension under Section 7(3) of the said Act as sought by the Promoter without 2/3rd consents of the Allottees needs to be examined in light of the above-mentioned fact. The Authority would like to bring on record the statements of objects and reasons of the said Act which are reproduced hereinbelow for ease of reference:

"An Act to establish the Real Estate Regulatory Authority for regulation and promotion of the real estate sector and to ensure sale of plot, apartment or building, as the case may be, or sale of real estate project, in an efficient and transparent manner and to protect the interest of consumers in the real estate sector and to establish an adjudicating mechanism for speedy dispute redressal and also to establish the Appellate Tribunal to hear appeals from the decisions, directions or orders of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority and the adjudicating officer and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

On perusal of the above it is clear that the whole aim of the said Act has been to promote the real estate sector in an efficient and transparent manner and protect the interest of the consumers (*including home buyers / Allottees*). Thus, by not extending the registration of the said Project the same shall be stalled. The Promoter shall not be able to take action for efficient completion as may be required in view of the lack of registration. Such an action will only be detrimental to the interest of the consumers (*including home buyers / Allottees*). Thus, the balance of convenience lies in allowing the extension with such condition so as to ensure completion. Further the Authority also notes that this extension under Section 7(3) is the first extension and the same needs to be granted so that the completion of the said Project is not jeopardised. Thus, the Authority grants extension to the registration of the said Project from 01.08.2023 to 31.01.2024. Needless to say, this extension will be without prejudice to the rights of the Allottees under the said Act. In view thereof, this Authority allows the said extension application keeping the rights of the Allottees intact with certain directions hereinbelow.

FINAL ORDER

The said extension application is **allowed** and the extension for the said Project is granted from 01.08.2023 to 31.01.2024 with the following conditions:

- A. The Promoter shall complete the balance construction work and obtain OC by 31.01.2024. Needless to say, the Allottees of the said Project shall co-operate with the Promoter. That the rights of the Allottees under the said Act shall however remain intact.
- B. The Promoter is directed to comply with the pending compliances as stated in the summary report of the compliances marked as **Annexure 'A'** herein on or before 15.11.2023.
- C. The Promoter is directed to submit within 15 days of this order the PERT CPM / BAR charts about the milestones to be achieved with respect to the completion of the said Project. The same shall also be shared with the Allottees of the said Project.
- D. The Promoter herein is also directed to submit monthly progress reports of achievements of such milestones and/ or delay if any, to MahaRERA, the Association of Allottees, if any formed and the Allottees of the said Project.
- E. That upon receipt of the OC the Promoter shall inform this Authority about the same and update all progress on the said Project registration webpage from time to time.

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Chairperson, MahaRERA

Annexure 'A'

Summary Report Of Compliances For Projects

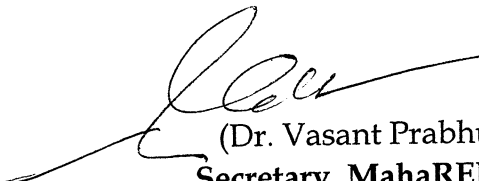
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Date: 31/10/2023

Extension Application No.	EXT51800017322
Project No.	P51800008893
Promoter :	Rajan Manchanda
Project Name	Nidhi Towers
Project Registration Date:	31-07-17
Extension Sought Till:	31-01-24

Compliances	Complied (Y/N)	Remarks
Form E (Extension Application)	Y	Applied on 09-08-2023.
Form 1	Y	Updated for every quarter from 2022 till September 2023.
Form 2	N	Updated Form 2, in May 2022 and October 2023 after registration.
Form 2A	Y	Updated for every year.
Form 3	N	Updated Form 3 from November 2022 to October 2023 after registration.
Form 5	Y	Updated for every year.
Sold & Unsold Inventory	N	Last updated in 2021.


(Dr. Vasant Prabhu)
Secretary, MahaRERA