

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಿಯಲ್ ಎಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ,

Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority,
1/14, 2nd Floor, Silver Jubilee Block, Unity Building Backside, CSI Compound,
3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE AUTHORITY

Dated 7th September 2023

CMP/211207/0008698

Present

Hon'ble Chairman Shri. H.C. Kishore Chandra

Hon'ble Member Shri. G.R.Reddy

Complainant.....

Manikanta TG

318, 3rd main road,
7th cross, domlur layout,
Bengaluru - 560071.

(By Shri. Abheek Saha, Advocate)

V/S

Respondent.....

FRONTIER SHELTERS PVT LTD

NO 422 80 FEET ROAD,

6TH BLOCK KORAMANGALA

Bengaluru-560095.

(By Shri. Girish Kumar, Advocate)

1. This complaint is filed under section 31 of the RERA Act against the project "FRONTIER HEIGHTS" developed by "FRONTIER SHELTERS PVT LTD" of the respondent for the relief of interest on delay period.
2. This project has been registered under RERA vide registration No. PRM/KA/RERA/1251/446/PR/171214/001250.



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3. The said project is situated at S.NO.49 1 2, HARALUR VILLAGE VARTHUR HOBLI , Bengaluru East , Bengaluru Urban.

Brief facts of the complaint are as under:-

4. The complainant has entered into an agreement of sale on 19/02/2019 to purchase a flat bearing No.3034 in the project of respondent. The respondent was supposed to handover the possession of the said flat to the complainant before 31/03/2020 as per agreement of sale. But, the respondent has failed to handover the possession of the said flat as agreed. Therefore, the respondent is liable to pay interest on delay period from 01/04/2020 till handover of possession. Hence, this complaint.

5. After registration of the complaint, in pursuance of the notice, the respondent has appeared before the Authority through his counsel, but has not contested the matter by filing statement of objections, producing documents on his behalf etc.,

6. In support of their claim, the complainant has produced/uploaded copies of agreement for sale, email conversation, payment receipts.

7. This matter was heard on 18/04/2021, 30/05/2022, 01/08/2022 and 30/03/2023.

8. Heard arguments of both sides.

9. On the above averments, the following points would arise for our consideration:-

1. Whether the complainant is entitled for the relief claimed?
2. What order?

10. Findings on the above points is as under:-

1. In the Affirmative.
2. As per final order for the following

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REASONS

11. Findings on Point No.1:- The complainant has approached this forum seeking for the relief of interest on delay period. The grounds urged are that the complainant has booked an flat bearing No.3034 in the project of the respondent by entering into agreement of sale on 19/02/2019. As per the said agreements the respondent was supposed to handover possession of the said flat to the complainant in 31/03/2020. But till date he has not handed over the possession of the flat to the complainant.

12. In response to the notice, the respondent has appeared before the Authority through his counsel. But he has not contested the matter by filing statement of objections, producing documents, etc.

13. Looking to the averments of agreement, parties herein have entered into an agreement of sale on 19/02/2019. The agreement of sale is a key instrument which binds the parties in a contractual relation so as to be properly enforced in accordance with law, it is quite necessary that it shall be free from any ambiguity and vagueness. As per the terms of agreement of sale, the respondent was supposed to handover the possession of said flat to the complainant in March 2020. But the respondent had not completed and handover the possession of the said flat to the complainant till date.

14. As per decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court in appeal No.6750-57/2021, M/S Newtech Promoters and vs The State of Uttar Pradesh it is held as under

Para No.22. 'If we take a conjoint reading of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of Section 18 of the Act, the different contingencies spelt out therein, (A) the allottee can either seek refund of the amount by withdrawing from the project; (B) such refund could be made together with interest as may be prescribed; (C) in addition, can also claim compensation payable under Sections 18(2) and 18(3) of the Act; (D) the allottee has the liberty, if he does not intend to withdraw from the

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project, will be required to be paid interest by the promoter for every months' delay in handing over possession at such rates as may be prescribed'.

The said principle is aptly applicable to the present case on hand.

15. As per sec.18 of RERA Act, the respondent is liable to pay interest for delay period. Since the claim of the complainant remained unchallenged, considering the cogent materials available of record, the delay in handing over possession being apparent, this Authority see no legal impediment in allowing the complaint as prayed. The complainant has paid Rs. 48,87,186/- (Forty eight lakh eighty seven thousand and one hundred eighty six only) to the respondent towards sale consideration.

16. In response to the notice the respondent has appeared before the Authority through his counsel. But, he has not contested the matter by participating in the proceedings, filing objections, producing documents on his behalf etc. Therefore, claim of the complainant remained undisputed and unchallenged. Hence, there is no reason to discard the claim of complainant. In the absence of any resistance by the respondent no option is left to this Authority except to accept the claim of complainant which is corroborated with the cogent evidence.

17. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the respondent to refund the amount along with interest to the complainant. Accordingly, the point raised above is answered in the Affirmative.

18. **Findings on point No.2:-** In view of the above discussion, the complaint deserves to be allowed. Hence, we proceed to pass the following

ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred under
Section 31 of the Real Estate (Regulation and



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Development) Act, 2016, the complaint bearing No. **CMP/211207/0008698** is hereby allowed as under.

1. The respondent is directed to pay the interest on delay period on amount of Rs. 48,87,186/- (Forty eight lakh eighty seven thousand and one hundred eighty six only) at the rate of SBI MCLR+2% from 01/04/2020 till handover of the possession of flat bearing No.3034 in the project FRONTIER HEIGHTS to the complainant within 60 days from the date of this order.
2. The complainant is at liberty to initiate action in accordance with law, if the respondent fails to comply with this order.


(G.R.Reddy)
Member
K-RERA


(H.C. Kishore Chandra)
Chairman
K-RERA

