



BEFORE THE HARYANA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, GURUGRAM

Complaint no.

1740 of 2021

First date of hearing:

29.04.2021

Date of decision

21.07.2022

Mr. Sachin Sharma R/o 1102, Dagan Street, Khera Bazar, Jagadhari, Yamunanagar.

Complainant

Versus

1. M/s Suncity Projects Pvt. Ltd.

LGF -10, Vasant Square Mall, Plot - A, Sector - B,

Pocket - V, Community centre, Vasant Kunj, New

Delhi - 110070

Respondents

2. Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited 201, 2nd floor, Vipul Agora, Mehrauli, Gurgaon-road

CORAM:

Dr. K.K. Khandelwal Shri Vijay Kumar Goyal Chairman Member

APPEARANCE:

Shri Harsh Jain Shri Rajan Gupta Advocate for the complainant Advocate for the respondents

ORDER

1. The present complaint has been filed on 02.03.2020 by the complainant/allottee under section 31 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (in short, the Act) read with rule 28 of the Haryana Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017 (in short, the Rules) for violation of section 11(4)(a) of the Act wherein it is inter alia prescribed that the promoter shall be responsible for all obligations, responsibilities



and functions under the provision of the act or the rules and regulations made there under or to the allottee as per the agreement for sale executed inter se the parties.

A. Unit and project related details

2. The particulars of unit details, sale consideration, the amount paid by the complainant, date of proposed handing over the possession, delay period, if any, have been detailed in the following tabular form:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of the project	Suncity Avenue 102, Sector – 112, Gurugram (Affordable)
2.	Unit No.	G-704, Carpet area – 532 sq. feet and balcony area – 100 sq.ft.
3.	RERA Registration	91 of 2017 dated 24.08.2017
4.	DTCP License no.	3 of 2015 dated 19.06.2015
5.	Date of booking Date of allotment	05.01.2016 (As per page 15 of complaint) 10.03.2016 (As per page 16 of complaint)
6.	Date of builder buyer agreement	28.04.2016 (Page 30 of complaint)
7.	Date of environment clearance	01.07.2016 (As per page 21 of reply)



8.	Possession clause – III	r v t	The developer proposes to offer possession of the said apartment within a period of 4 years from the date of approval of building plans or grant of environment clearance, whichever is later
9.	Due date of possession	(01.07.2020 (As calculated from date of environment clearance i.e., 01.07.2016)
10.	Total Sale Consideration	MODEL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY.	Rs. 22,31,883/- (As per page 51 of complaint)
11.	Amount Paid	1	Rs. 19,51,698/- (As per page 51 of complaint)
12.	Occupation certificate	4-1	Obtained dated 08.08.2019 on page no. 20 of reply
13.	Offer of possession	Martin and	04.06.2021 (page no. 58 of reply)
14.	Tripartite Agreement		19.04.2016 (Page 20 of complaint) (Suncity projects-complainant- Dewan housing finance corporation)
15.	Reminder notices	RE	28.03.2019 (As per page 12 of reply) 22.05.2019 (As per page 15 of reply)
16.	Newspaper publication		12.06.2019 (As per page 18 of reply)
17	Cancellation Notice	HILL	05.08.2019 (page no. 43 of reply)

B. Facts of the complaint

3. That on the basis of advertisements and representations made by the respondents, the complainant applied for allotment for a unit in its project



known as "Suncity Avenue 102/ Affordable Group Housing Colony", located in Dhankot, Sector-102, Gurgaon, Haryana.

- 4. That on the basis of the application dated 09.03.2016 of the complainant, he was allotted a flat bearing G-704, measuring carpet area 518 sq.ft. and balcony area 87.50 sq. ft for a total sale consideration of Rs. 22,31,883/-.
- 5. That the complainant, respondent no.1 (Suncity) and DHFL (respondent no.2) entered into a tripartite agreement dated 19.04.2016 and respondent No.1 (Suncity) also gave the "No Objection" and permission to mortgage the above-mentioned flat to DHFL by way of security for repayment of the said loan.
- 6. That according to the tripartite agreement dated 19.04.2016, it was the responsibility of DHFL to disburse the installment amount to the respondent-builder. However, DHFL failed to disburse the amount on time and the complainant had to pay the installment along with delayed payment charges to the respondent-builder.
- 7. That the complainant paid a total amount of Rs. 22,85,188/- to the respondents. However, respondents did not provide possession of the flat to him till date.
- 8. That the act of respondents in cancelling the unit and not offering its possession is against the law. Thus, the respondents are bound to offer possession of the allotted unit to the complainant and its act of cancellation is illegal calling for immediate directions of the Authority.
- 9. That the complainant wants to continue with the project. So, the respondents be directed offer possession of the allotted unit besides delay possession charges and compensation.

C. Relief sought by the complainant:



a. The respondent no. 1 to handover the physical possession of flat and to direct the respondent to pay the interest @24% for delaying the possession on flat consideration.

D Reply by the respondents

The respondents have contested the complaint on the following grounds:

- 10. That the present complaint, besides being misconceived and erroneous, is untenable in the eyes of law. The complainant has misdirected herself in filing the above captioned complaint before this Ld. Authority as the relief being claimed by the complainant cannot be entertained.
- 11. That in the present case, the complainant is seeking the relief of setting aside of the cancellation of unit/ flat in question alongwith the compensation for harassment. It is pertinent to mention that the prayer of the complainant in the present complaint is not maintainable in the eyes of law as she herself defaulted in making the timely payment of installments despite repeated requests and reminders. Therefore, keeping in view the principles of natural justice and in public interest, the relief sought by the complainant seeking setting aside of cancellation of unit cannot be allowed. It is humbly submitted that due to this reason, the complaint cannot be entertained as the complainant has not come to the authority with clean hands and has concealed the material fact that she has been a wilful defaulter, having deliberately failed to make the payment of outstanding dues.
- 12. That it is pertinent to mention here that the present project has been developed by the respondents as per the terms and conditions of "Affordable Housing Policy, 2013" of the Govt. of Haryana, and the Complainant was allotted a flat no. G-704, 2 BHK on 7 Floor, Tower-G, in Affordable Group Housing Project, "Suncity Avenue 102", situated at Sector-102, Gurugram, Haryana, on the terms and conditions contained in apartment buyer's agreement. Subsequently, an apartment buyers' agreement dated



28.04.2016 was executed between the parties which contained detailed terms and conditions of the allotment, total price of flat/ unit fixed as Rs. 22,31,883/-. As per affordable housing policy, 2013 and buyers' agreement, the complainant was required to make the payment of sale consideration in installments as per payment plan provided therein.

- 13. That respondents vide letter dated 28/03/2019 raised a demand of Rs. 2,81,012/- towards installment/outstanding as per the terms of the contract. However, the complainant failed to pay the same despite repeated requests from the respondents.
- 14. That again the respondents vide public notice in the news paper i.e 'Dainik Bhaskar' on 12/06/2019 called upon the complainant to clear the aforesaid dues within extended time of 15 days. But despite best efforts from the respondents, the complainant failed to make the and the they cancelled the allotment of flat vide letter dated 05.08.2019.
- 15. It is submitted that the complainant has failed to fulfil her obligations as per the Act of 2016. The complainant has not complied with the obligations of section 19(6) of the Act where it talks about the duty of the allottee to make necessary payments. The authority has no jurisdiction to entertain the present complaint and complaint is liable to be dismissed on this ground also.

E. Jurisdiction of the authority

The authority observes that it has territorial as well as subject matter jurisdiction to adjudicate the present complaint for the reasons given below.

E.I Territorial jurisdiction

16. As per notification no. 1/92/2017-1TCP dated 14.12.2017 issued by Town and Country Planning Department, the jurisdiction of Real Estate Regulatory



Authority, Gurugram shall be entire Gurugram District for all purpose with offices situated in Gurugram. In the present case, the project in question is situated within the planning area of Gurugram District. Therefore, this authority has complete territorial jurisdiction to deal with the present complaint.

E.II Subject matter jurisdiction

The Section 11(4)(a) of the Act, 2016 provides that the promoter shall be responsible to the allottee as per agreement for sale. Section 11(4)(a) is reproduced as hereunder:

Section 11(4)(a): Be responsible for all obligations, responsibilities and functions under the provisions of this Act or the rules and regulations made thereunder or to the allottees as per the agreement for sale, or to the association of allottees, as the case may be, till the conveyance of all the apartments, plots or buildings, as the case may be, to the allottees, or the common areas to the association of allottees or the competent authority, as the case may be;

Section 34-Functions of the Authority:

34(f) of the Act provides to ensure compliance of the obligations cast upon the promoter, the allottees and the real estate agents under this Act and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

- 17. So, in view of the provisions of the act quoted above, the authority has complete jurisdiction to decide the complaint regarding non-compliance of obligations by the promoter leaving aside compensation which is to be decided by the adjudicating officer if pursued by the complainant at a later stage.
 - F. Findings on the relief sought by the complainant
 - F. I The respondent no. 1 to handover the physical possession of flat and to direct the respondents to pay the interest @24% for delaying the possession on flat consideration.
- 18. Some of the admitted facts of the case are that vide application dated 09.03.2016, the complainant applied for a unit under the affordable housing



policy, 2013 in the project of the respondents detailed above. He is being successful was allotted unit bearing no. G-704 admeasuring 518 sq. ft. and having balcony area of 87.50 feet, by the respondents for a total sum of Rs. 22,31,883/-. It led to execution of an apartment buyer agreement dated 28.04.2016 between the parties containing various terms and conditions of allotment including dimensions of the unit, its price, due date of possession & payment plan etc. It is also not disputed that on the basis of that agreement the complainant started making various payments against the allotted unit and paid a total sum of Rs. 19,51,698/- till date. He was issued letter dated 28.03.2019 and vide which a demand for Rs. 2,81,012/- was raised. But despite issuance of that letter the complainant failed to make payments leading to issuance of public notice in the newspaper on 12.06.2019, giving her 15 days' time to make payment. When the complainant failed to comply with the reminder as well as public notice, the allotment of the unit made in her favour was cancelled vide letter dated 05.08.2019. Now, the issued for consideration arises as to whether direction of the respondents in cancelling the allotment of the allotted unit was made as per the provisions of the policy of 2013 or not.

19. No doubt the complainant had already paid about 98% of the sale consideration but he was also required to pay the amount due on the basis of payment plan as per the policy of 2013, the terms and conditions mentioned in the buyers' agreement. A public notice dated 12.06.2019 through publication in the daily newspaper of "Danik Bhasker". when despite issuance of notice/reminder the complainant did not pay the amount due, it led to cancellation of the allotted unit vide letter dated 05.08.2019. Clause 5(i) of the Affordable Group Housing Policy, 2013 provides a provision for cancellation of allotted unit and which runs as follow:



"if any successful applicant fails to deposit the installments within the time period as prescribed in the allotment letter issued by the colonizer, a reminder may be issued to him for depositing the due installments within a period of 15 days from the date of issue of such notice. If the allottee still defaults in making the payment, the list of such defaulters may be published in one regional Hindi news-paper having circulation of more than ten thousand in the State for payment of due amount within 15 Days from the date of publication of such notice, failing which allotment may be cancelled. In such cases also an amount of Rs. 25,000/may be deducted by the coloniser and the balance amount shall be refunded to the applicant. Such flats may be considered by the committee for offer to those applicants falling in the waiting list".

- 20. A perusal of the facts detailed earlier and the policy of 2013 shows that the respondents raised demand vide letter dated 22.05.2019, followed by public notice in the daily newspaper on 12.06.2019. But despite that he failed to make payment of the amount due leading to cancellation of the allotment of the unit in her favour vide letter dated 05.08.2019. Thus, all these shows that the respondents followed the prescribed procedure as per clause 5(i) of the policy of 2013 and cancelled the unit of the complainant with adequate notices. So, the cancellation of the unit is valid as per the procedure prescribed by law.
- 21. Vide order dated 08.07.2022, it has been directed to the respondents to file an affidavit with respect to the unit in question and its availability for allotment. The respondent no. 1 has submitted an affidavit on 11.07.2022 through which it states that the unit in question has already been allotted to third party after cancellation and no other unit is available for allotment/sale. As per cancellation clause of the affordable housing policy the respondents can deduct the amount of Rs. 25,000/- only and the balance amount shall be refunded back to the complainant. In the present case, there is nothing on record which shows that respondent-builder refunded the balance amount after deduction of Rs 25,000/- as per policy. Thus, the respondents are directed to deduct only Rs. 25,000/- and refund the balance



amount of within a period of 90 days alongwith interest on the balance amount from the date of cancellation till its actual payment.

F. Directions of the Authority:

- 22. Hence, the authority hereby passes this order and issues the following directions under section 37 of the act to ensure compliance of obligations cast upon the promoter as per the function entrusted to the authority under section 34(f):
 - i. The respondent /promoters are directed to refund the balance amount after retaining a sum of Rs. 25,000/- within a period of 90 days alongwith interest on the balance amount from the date of cancellation till its actual payment
 - ii. The above mentioned amount be refunded to the complainant within a period of 90 days and failing which legal consequence would follow.
 - iii. The respondents are directed to revalidate the demand draft.
- 23. The Complaint stands disposed of.

24. File be consigned to registry.

(Vijay Kumar Goyal)

Member

(Dr. K.K. Khandelwal)

Chairman

Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram

Dated: 21.07.2022