

**HARYANA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
PANCHKULA**

**Complaint No. : 1037/2018
Date of Hearing : 13.03.2019
Hearing : 4th**

Archana Gupta

.... Complainant

Versus

TDI INFRACORP(India) Ltd.

....Respondent

CORAM :

1. Sh. Rajan Gupta,
2. Sh. Anil Kumar Panwar,

....Chairman
....Member

APPEARANCE :

1. Sh. Amarpal, Counsel for complainant
2. None for respondent

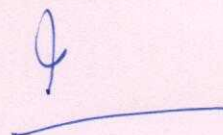
ORDER :

This is the 4th hearing of the matter. In first two hearings proxy counsel for the respondents had appeared, each time seeking adjournment because arguing counsel was not available. On the 3rd hearing on 12.2.2019 none appeared for the respondent. Today in the 4th hearing again nobody is present on behalf of the respondent. Reply of the respondent however, has been received and is a part of the record. Since today is the 4th hearing and arguing counsel or any representative of the respondent is not present, the Authority decides to proceed ex-parte to dispose of this matter.

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2. The case of the complainant is that she had booked an apartment in the "Water Side Floors, Lake Grove City Project, Sector-64, Sonapat of the respondent. Between May, 2018 when the apartment was booked and August, 2018 Rs.6.50 lakhs has been paid as earnest money. According to the complainant, in the registration form the area of the residential built up floors was shown to be 1400 Sq.ft whereas now the respondent have sent her a draft agreement form in which the carpet area is written as 990 Sq ft. only. Further, the complainant states that the total sale consideration has been increased to over Rs.59 lakhs as against Rs.56 lakhs shown in the registration form. Thirdly, the respondents are charging more than 10% of the basic sale price as earnest money without signing the agreement, therefore they are violating the provisions of The Real Estate (Regulations and Development) Act, 2016 framed by this Authority. For these reasons the complainant seeks refund of the money paid.

3. In the written statement the respondents have stated that the basic sale price written in the registration form was exclusive of charges detailed in para 6 of Annexure-A. The para 6 of Annexure -A however, speaks only of the earnest money and the interest payable in the event of default in making payments. It has further been submitted by the respondents that on account of some discounts, in the basic price was



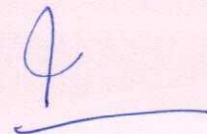
reduced to Rs.49 lakhs and there-after to Rs.48.20 lakhs. However, GST of nearly 5.76 lakhs was payable on the basis of which the price now comes to Rs.53.93 lakhs as against Rs.56.00 lakhs. Accordingly, it has been stated that sale price has not been increased. Thus according to the respondent the total sales price inclusive of GST is Rs.53.93 lakhs. Respondents have made no mention of whether other taxes and charges including EDC and IDC will be charged in addition or they are already included in the quoted price. With regard to the area the respondent states that super area has always been 1400 Sq.ft. and there was never any agreement for 990 Sq.ft area.

4. On the basis of the submission made by both the parties it is concluded and ordered as follows:-

- (i) In the context of the dispute in the matter regulation 3(a) of the RERA Regulation "The Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Panchkula (Registration of Projects), Regulations, 2018 is reproduced below:-

3(a)- Price of an apartment in a real estate project shall be charged by the promoter from the apartment buyers only on the basis of carpet area of the apartment.

By the virtue of the above provisions in the regulation after coming into force of the regulations, all developers should execute




agreements with apartment buyer by loading the entire cost of the project on the carpet area of the apartment. In the agreement the carpet area and the super area other than the carpet area could be shown separately but the cost of the apartment has to be charged on the basis of the Sq.ft. of the carpet area. The registration agreement sent by the respondent to the complainant reads:-

“We wish to register ourselves for the allotment of a residential built-up floor approx. 1400 sqft., tentative super area, named as “Waterside Floors”, in “TDI LakeGrove City” at Kundali, Sonapat, Haryana, being developed by M/s TDI Infracorp Ltd. At basic price of Rs. 56,00,000/-.”

It violates the aforesaid regulation. This part of the agreement should accordingly be corrected.

- (ii) As per the provisions of the Act not more than 10% of the cost of the apartment could be charged without first entering into a written agreement. Admittedly, cost of the apartment in this case is Rs.53.93 lakhs. Accordingly, the respondent could not have demanded more than 5.93 lakhs as earnest money. Further, clause 6 of the Annexure-A with the registration form in which 15% amount has been demanded, as the earnest money is also violative of the provisions of the Act, Rules and Regulations. Further, the said clause 6 also provides that 18% interest shall be charged in the event of delay payment. This provision




is also violative of the Act and the Rules. As per Rule 15 of the HRERA Rules in the event of delayed payment the respondent could charge @ SBIMCLR plus 2% and not more.

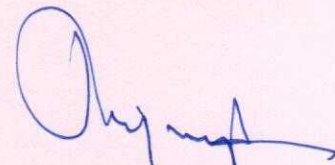
It appears that respondents have not studied the laws and regulations relating the RERA Act and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. Aforesaid provisions of the Registration form clearly are violative of law.

- (iii) From the written statement especially sub para 1 of para 3, it is made out that respondents are changing their position with regard to total cost of the apartment. The basic price has been reduced twice and still nothing has been written about the EDC and IDC charges to be payable. It must be specified to the complainants precisely and clearly.
- (iv) In the light of foregoing discussions, the respondents are directed to send a fresh agreement to the complainants by clearly showing the carpet area of the apartment, the additional area other than the carpet area which shall be constructed as a part of the project, the pricing of the apartment chargeable on the basis of the carpet area and the cost of super area should be loaded to the carpet area only. The cost of the apartment should be shown as the basic sale price plus other charges like EDC, IDC applicable taxes, GST etc. Nothing more has to be demanded from the complainants than so indicated.

- (v) The respondents shall send a revised draft agreement in accordance with these directions within a period of 30 days. If the complainant still feels aggrieved, he will have the liberty to come back to the Authority with a fresh complaint.

Disposed of. The order be uploaded on the website and files be consigned to the record room.


Anil Kumar Panwar
Member


Rajan Gupta
Chairman