Jindal Reality Private Ltd. Vs. Santosh Lathwal

Appeal No. 154 of 2019

Present: Shri Sanjeev Sharma, Advocate, Ld counsel for the appellant. Shri Amardeep Hooda, Advocate, Ld counsel for the respondent.

The present appeal has been preferred against the order dated 22.11.2018 passed by the Ld Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Panchkula (hereinafter called the Authority). The only grievance raised by Ld counsel for the appellant at the time of arguments is that the Ld Authority has awarded the interest to the respondent/allottee at the rate of interest 10.45% per annum. But the appellant/promoter has been wrongly awarded the rate of interest on delayed payment at the rate of 9% per annum.

2. Section 19(7) of the Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act, 2016 provides that the allottee shall be liable to pay interest, at such rate as may be prescribed, for any delay in payment towards any amount or charges to be paid under sub-section (6) to the promoter. Sub-section (6) deems with the payment of the dues to the promoter as per their agreement to sell. Thus, as per the provisions of section 19(7) the parity is required to be maintained in the grant of interest to the promoter and the allottee. Ld counsel for the respondent could not dispute this legal proposition.

3. Thus, keeping in view of our aforesaid discussion, the present appeal is hereby partly allowed. The impugned order dated 22.11.2018 passed by the Ld Authority is hereby modified to this extent that the appellant/promoter shall also be entitled to charge the interest at the rate of interest 10.45% per annum on the delayed payment. The fresh calculations shall be filed by the appellant/promoter within 15

days with the Ld Authority before whom the execution petition is to be filed. The amount deposited by the promoter with this Tribunal for compliance of the provision of proviso to section 43(5) of the Act be transferred to the Ld Authority being the Executing Authority for disbursement to the respondents/allottees as and when the execution petition is filed in accordance with law.

4. Copy of this order be communicated to the Ld Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Panchkula.

5. File be consigned to records.

Justice Darshan Singh (Retd.) Chairman, Haryana Real Estate Appellate Tribunal, Chandigarh 26.11.2019

> Inderjeet Mehta Member (Judicial) 26.11.2019

Anil Kumar Gupta Member (Technical) 26.11.2019