### KARNATAKA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, BENGALURU

#### FIFTH ADDITIONAL BENCH

#### **PRESENT**

### SHRI.G.R. REDDY HON'BLE MEMBER

## COMPLAINT NO.CMP/220416/0009360

# DATED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

COMPLAINANTS

: Mr.Debadatta Patra

C166, Sector 14 Rourkela

Odisha - 769 009

Party in Person

RESPONDENT / PROMOTER

: M/s.Mantri Developers Pvt Ltd.

Mantri House, # 41, Vittal Mallya Road

Bangalore : 560 001

By Ms. Kalyani Hegde, Advocate

PROJECT NAME & REGISTRATION NO.

: MANTRI WEBCITY 2B

PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/PR/

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# JUDGEMENT

This complaint is filed under Sec-18 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 before this Authority against the project MANTRI WEBCITY 2A praying for a direction to Refund the amount paid with Interest.

#### BRIEF FACTS OF THE COMPLAINT ARE AS UNDER: -

 The complainants have entered into an agreement of sale on 19.05.2014. The project completion date as per agreement was 30.04.2018. The complainants have paid an amount of Rs.20,57,930/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty Seven thousand Nine hundred Thirty only) to the respondent till date of complaint. Since there was delay

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of more than four years in handing over the apartment, the complainants have filed the above complaint before the Authority praying for refund of the amount paid together with interest.

- 2. On a perusal of the sale agreement, it is seen that the completion date is agreed as 30.04.2018. The promoter-respondent was required to complete the project and hand over possession of the apartment by 30.04.2018. Since the respondent-promoter has failed to complete or unable to handover the possession of the apartment to the allottee since even after K-RERA Act and Rules came to play, this complaint is admissible for relief in accordance with Section 18 of the Act.
- 3. After registration of the complaint, in pursuance of the notice, the respondent has appeared before the Authority through its counsel and has undertaken to file statement of objections. Thereafter the Respondent has not filed any statement of objections nor explained the reason for delay in completing the project. The complainant has submitted memo of computation of refund with interest.
- 4. From the information furnished by the Complainant in its memo calculation for refund with interest, it is apparent that the promoter has to deliver the apartment on or before 30.04.2018, but failed to handover possession of the apartment. As per Section 18 of RERA Act, in case the allottee wishes to withdraw from the project the promoter is liable without prejudice to any other remedy available, to return the amount received by him in respect of that apartment, plot, building as the case may



Four lakhs fifty five thousand four hundred forty eight only) towards refund with interest to the complainant within 60 days from the date of this order, calculated from 01/05/2017 till 14.08.2022.

The interest due from 15.08.2022 up to the date of final payment will be calculated likewise and paid to the complainant. The complainant is at liberty to initiate action for recovery in accordance with law if the respondent fails to pay the amount as per the order of this Authority.

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- be with interest at such rate as may be prescribed in this behalf including compensation in the manner as provided under this Act.
- 5. Therefore, as per Section 18 of the Act, the promoter is liable to return the amount received along with interest.
- 6. From the averments made in the complaint it is evident that complainant has paid the advance sale consideration amount and are entitled to get their amount paid along with interest as per the memo of calculation submitted by the Complainants. The Promoter-Respondent has not submitted any memo of calculation.
- 7. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the respondent to refund the amount with interest which is determined as under:

Memo of Calculation submitted by the Complainant as on 14.08.2022

Principle amount (A) Rs.	Interest (B) As on 16.08.2022 Rs.	Refund from Promoter (C) Rs.	Total Balance Amount (A+B) Rs.
20,57,930	13,97,518		34,55,448

And accordingly the Authority passes the following:

#### ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 31 read with section 18 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, the complaint Bearing No. CMP/220416/0009360 is hereby allowed. Respondent is directed to refund a sum of Rs. 34,55,448/- (Rupees Thirty

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