BEFORE TELANGANA STATE REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY [Under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016]

COMPLAINT NO.32 OF 2024

14th Day of August, 2024

Corum: Dr. N. Satyanarayana, IAS (Retd.), Hon'ble Chairperson

Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Hon'ble Member

Sri Laxmi Narayana Jannu, Hon'ble Member

Sri D. Vinod & Sri M. Sathish

...Complainants

...Respondents

Versus

- 1. M/s Green Metro Infratech Projects Pvt. Ltd., Represented through its Authorised Representative, Sri Boddu Ashok Kumar
- 2. M/s Bhuvanteza Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd., Represented through its Authorised Representative, Sri Chekka V. Subramanyam

TELANGANA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The present matter filed by the Complainant herein came up for hearing on 05.06.2024, 09.07.2024, 31.07.2024 and 14.08.2024 before this Authority in the presence of Complainant in person, and Counsel for Respondent No.1, Sri V.M.N.S. Prasad, Sri U. Narendra and Sri Govind Narayana Swami, none for Respondent No.2, and upon hearing the arguments, this Authority passes the following **INTERIM ORDER:**

2. The present Complaint has been filed under Section 31 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") read with Rule 34(1) of the Telangana Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules") seeking interim directions to the

Respondent No.1 not to create any third-party rights on the Flat No.309, Block C at Tulasi Bhagyanagar Project, Dundigal registered with this Authority vide Registration No.P02200002031.

- 3. The Complainant submitted that he paid the total sale consideration of Rs.26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakhs Only) by way of cheque and cash on 19.09.2020, 26.09.2020, 28.09.2020, 08.10.2020, 19.11.2020 and 08.12.2020 to Respondent No.2, M/s Bhuvanteza Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd., through its Authorised Representative, Sri Chekka V. Subramanyam towards purchase of Flat No.309, Block C at Tulasi Bhagyanagar Project, Dundigal. That the Respondent No.2 also executed Agreement of Sale dated 08.10.2020 in favour of the Complainants in this regard. Further, said Respondent promised to register the said Flat in favour of the Complainant within a period of 10 days, however, almost 4 years have elapsed since the date of the Agreement i.e., 08.10.2020, but there has been no response from the Respondent No.2.
- 4. Meanwhile, notices have been issued to the Respondents and the notices have been returned for Respondent No.2, whereas, Respondent No.1 entered appearance through its counsel. Respondent No.1 also filed a reply, primarily submitting that there is no privity of contract between the Complainant and the Respondent No.1 as the Agreement of Sale dated 08.10.2020 was executed by Respondent No.2. It was categorically submitted that even though the Respondent No.1 received amounts from, one Gayathri Kirana, the same was refunded on 16.05.2024. No sale consideration was ever received by Respondent No.1, however, as per the document/agreement of Sale dated 08.10.2020, the entire sale consideration was received by Respondent No.2, who is responsible

for the transaction. It was also specifically submitted that the Respondent No.1 never entered into any agreement with Respondent No.2 for sale/marketing/advertising of the Respondent No.1's flats in the Tulasi Bhagyanagar Project, Dundigal. That therefore, it was prayed that present complaint be dismissed against the said Respondent No.1.

Interim Directions:

- 5. This Authority has perused the material on record and heard contentions of both the parties. During the hearing, the Complainants reiterated the contents of their complaint and sought for interim reliefs whereas, the Respondent No.1 prayed not to issue any interim directions to Respondent No.1 as there exists no privity of contract between the Complainant and the Respondent No.1.
- 6. This Authority heard this matter along with other connected matters and observes that amounts were sent by the Complainant to the Respondent No.1 through Respondent No.2, who has failed to appear before this Authority. It is observed that amounts were sent by the Complainants to the Respondent No.1 vide Cheque No.219039 drawn on SBI Bank dated 08.12.2020. If at all Respondent No.1 assumed that the said amounts were receiving by error on part of the Complainants, he ought to have reversed the transaction within a period of one month or such reasonable period from the date of transaction. However, Respondent No.1 reversed the said amounts on 16.05.2024, after an inordinate delay of nearly 3.5 years, which clearly indicates Respondent No.1's intent. The fact that Respondent No.1 reversed the amounts only after the Complainants filed the present complaint before this Authority in March 2024 raises grave suspicion regarding the Respondent's actions in violation of the provisions of the Act, 2016.

It appears that Respondent No.1 is attempting to abdicate its responsibility to the detriment of the innocent Complainants.

- 7. This, in view of the Authority is not permissible and therefore, in order to protect the rights and interests of the Complainants/allottees, in the interim, this Authority directs Respondent No.1 not to alienate/sell/transfer or create any third-party rights on Flat No.309, Block C at Tulasi Bhagyanagar Project, Dundigal until the present complaint is finally disposed of by this Authority. Upon failure of the Respondent to comply with this order appropriate action under section 63 will be initiated against the Respondent No.1.
- 8. Matter is listed for further hearing on 10.09.2024.

