Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority

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No.: 1904/U.P.RERA/Bench Code/2023-24 Date: 09 February, 2024

Office Order

ORDERS REGARDING DRESS CODE, COURT DISCIPLINE AND PROCEDURE DURING HEARINGS BEFORE THE AUTHORITY AND ITS BENCHES AT LUCKNOW (HQ) AND NCR OFFICE

The Chairperson, under the provisions of Section-25 of the RERA Act, 2016, has been entrusted with the powers of general superintendence and to issue directions for efficient and smooth conduct of the affairs of the Authority. Under Rule-19(o) of the UP RERA Rules, 2016, the Chairperson has been further entrusted with all the powers of making decisions that may be required for the efficient and smooth functioning of the Authority and enforcement of the provisions of the Act, Rules and Regulations.

Therefore, I, Sanjay R Bhoosreddy, using the powers conferred under Section-25 of the RERA Act, 2016 and Rule 19(o) of U.P. RERA Rules, 2016 and other enabling provisions of the RERA Act and the Rules, do hereby partially amend the earlier Order issued vide; Ref.No.: 825/U.P.RERA/Bench Code/2023-24, dated: 24-01-2024, and pass the following orders with a view to ensure proper Dress Code, Court Discipline and Procedures during the hearings, by the Authority, its Benches or Adjudicating Officers, as the case may be.

These orders will come into force with immediate effect. The order shall be publicised by way of uploading on the website of the Authority for wider publication including all media forums for general dissemination.

DRESS CODE

1. Legal Practitioners: -

The dress code for the Advocates appearing before the Authority shall be the same professional dress as prescribed for appearance before a Court as per the Bar Council of India Rules under Section-49(1)(gg) of the Advocates Act, 1961. The wearing of gown is optional.

2. Other Authorized Representatives: -

(a) The dress code for the other male Representatives like; Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries and Cost Accountants, etc. shall be formal Indian national dress or full sleeves shirts with trousers and shoes or to wear a suit or a blazer with tie as may be appropriate.

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(b) The dress code for other female Representatives, like; Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries and Cost Accountants, etc. shall be saree or salwar kameez or trousers and shirt.

3 Parties in Person or Authorised Family Representatives: -

Parties appearing in person or through authorised family Representatives before the Authority, or its Benches shall be properly dressed in case of male in any full sleeves' shirt or cream colour Band gala coat with trouser of any sober colour, or Black or white Sherwani with churidar pajamas, or Dhoti Kurta with band gala coat. In case of female the dress code shall be saree or salwar kameez or trousers and shirt.

COURT DISCIPLINE AND PROCEDURE

4. <u>Discipline and Procedure for E-Courts and Authority Hearings</u>: -

- a) In the E-Courts or in any other hearing before the Authority, **NO** Cellphone, Camera or any other electronic gadgets shall be used or operated except the Computer Desktop or Laptop or I-pad or Notepad, which he / she is using to log-in to appear in the E-Courts and Authority hearings to participate in the proceedings.
- b) Party may log-in and participate in the proceedings through Cellphone only with the permission of the Presiding Officer or the Authority. Parties to ensure that in **NO** situation, two electronic devices are used simultaneously.
- c) Only those representatives / practitioners will be heard whose authorization letter / Vakalatnama is uploaded.
- d) The party(s) which has engaged a Legal Practitioner, Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary or Cost Accountant to appear before the Benches or the Authority could be heard in person;
 - i. only with the permission of the Presiding Officer or the Authority, or
 - ii. when the party has discharged the Authorization Letter / Vakalatnama issued in favour of the above-mentioned Professional or Legal Practitioner.
- e) No proceedings of the Authority or its Benches shall be recorded, either in any audio device or video device.
- f) E-Court and Authority hearings will be held through Microsoft Teams App. Parties shall download the latest version of Microsoft Teams App on Computer Desktop or Laptop or I-pad or Notepad (as the case may be).

- g) Link for E-Court hearing will be sent to the parties on their registered E-mail addresses and will also be available on the Cause List page.
- h) Only the parties whose names are called out for hearing will switch ON their microphone and camera till their case is being heard and will switch OFF their camera and microphone the moment their case proceeding is complete. Others will keep their Microphones and Cameras in OFF mode.
- i) Parties whose case is listed for hearing will be given sharing rights by the Bench staff, moment their case is called out, so that they can assist the Court by themselves sharing their pleadings and other relevant documents on which they are relying to ensure timely hearing.
- j) Only those documents will be shared which have been uploaded on the UP RERA Portal by the parties.
- k) No documents will be accepted on the bench E-mail address.
- I) The party facing any technical problem in uploading any document/s on the portal, should inform at the earliest on the following E-mail address: *contactuprera@up-rera.in* with the complaint number, party/s name, problem faced (with screenshot, if any).
- 5. If any Professional or Advocate is found violating the above Orders, strict appropriate action would be initiated against such professional under their respective Act, Rules and Regulations.
- 6. If any other person is found violating the above Orders, appropriate penal action would be initiated against such person as per applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Explanation: - For the purposes of this order, the term Bench in this order includes the Bench of the Adjudicating Officers or the Bench of any other officer duly authorized for hearing the complaints / cases.

(Sanjay R Bhoosreddy)

Chairman,

UP Real Estate Regulatory Authority

The above Order is issued for information, necessary action and compliance to all concerned.

(P.K. Upadhyay)

Secretary,

U.P. Real Estate Regulatory Authority