



DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MOVES DELHI HC AGAINST RERA'S REGISTRATION MANDATE

Delhi Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) recently issued directives to Delhi Development Authority (DDA), directing it to register its housing projects following which the DDA moved Delhi High Court.

The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 mandates registration of real estate projects before advertising, marketing, booking, selling or offering for sale, or inviting persons to purchase it.

However, DDA has claimed that it is not a “promoter” of housing projects under RERA rather the “competent authority” itself and sanctions its own layout plans. DDA further argues that it is already subject to robust government oversight to ensure transparency and efficiency and is not profit- oriented like private developers.

DDA itself being a statutory body and having a pivotal role in Delhi's development, the outcome of the matter will be a watershed moment to determine RERA's jurisdiction over statutory or government bodies involved in housing developments.