

ITEM NO.9 Court 3 (Video Conferencing) SECTION XVII-A

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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 9622/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-03-2020 in IA No. 9869/2019 passed by the National Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi)

SEERAT MINOCHA & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

M/S ANSAL HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION LTD. & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.78001/2020-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 07-09-2020 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Sanjeev Anand, AOR

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), by an order dated 12 February 2020 directed the listing of the consumer complaint that has been instituted by the petitioners a year later, in the month of February 2021. These long adjournments by the NCDRC, which are being brought to the attention of this court repeatedly, defeat the purpose and object of ensuring the expeditious disposal of consumer disputes under the Consumer Protection Act 1986.

The grievance of the petitioners is that despite their having exercised the right to surrender the residential flat under the buy back agreement, the payment of the loan installments continues to be insisted upon by the financial institution and it is the

obligation of the developer to pay the outstanding amount. Hence, it has been submitted that it is in the interest of justice that the complaint is taken up by the NCDRC at an early date.

Having regard to the nature of the grievance, since the complaint is pending before the NCDRC, we are not enquiring into the merits of the rival contentions at this stage. The NCDRC shall take up the consumer complaint within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order so that the proceedings can be taken up for early hearing.

The special leave petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

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