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Jawahar Colony, Residents Welfare Association Vs Municipal Corporation, Faridabad

Court: High Court Of Punjab And Haryana At Chandigarh

Date of Decision: Aug. 2, 2001 Citation: (2001) 4 RCR(Civil) 587

Hon'ble Judges: R.L. Anand, J

Bench: Single Bench

Advocate: Gurinder Jit Singh, for the Appellant;

Final Decision: Dismissed

Judgement

R.L. Anand, J.

There is delay of 425 days in re-filing the appeal, which is hereby condoned.

2. On merits, I have heard the learned counsel for the appellant and with his assistance, have gone through the record of this case. The plaintiff has

been nonsuited for the reasons given by the first Appellate Court in paragraphs 17 to 20 which are reproduced hereunder:

17. From the aforesaid evidence, it is thus obvious that originally vide letter No. 8431-ICI-75/38475 dated 24.11.1975 (Exhibit D-2) Jawahar

Colony, which was till that time unapproved was regularised and the government directed the respondent to realise 50% of the expenses incurred

on civil amenities from the plot holders of the said colony. At that time, however, the area of this colony was got demarcated. It is not disputed

between the parties that 50% of the expenses incurred on civil amenities at that time came to Rs. 11.40 per sq. yard and that being the position,

the residents of Jawhar Colony, Faridabad were asked to pay development charges @ Rs. 11.40 per sq. yard.

18. However, now the appellant has attempted to cause some confusion because with the passage of time, there was extension in Jawahar Colony

and the said extended area was also subsequently approved vide reference No. FCA/STP/94/683 dated 11.4.1994, a copy of which is EX.D-5.

A persual of this letter shows that there was regular-isation of extension of Jawahar Colony and it was ordered that development fee @ Rs. 60/-

per sq. yard was to be charged from the residents of this area which is also known by the name of Parva-tiya Mohalla or colony. Demarcation of

this area is given by Khasra Nos. detailed in Exhibit D-3.

19. It is thus clear that all the residents of Jawahar Colony extension/Parvatiya Mohalla, whose plots were comprised in the various Khasranum-

bers given in Ex.D.3, are liable to pay development charges @ Rs. 60/- per sq. yard and otherwise, the residents of the erstwhile Jawahar Colony

are liable to pay development charges @ Rs. 11.40 per sq. yard.

20. There is no force in the plea of the appellant's counsel that the respondent has wrongly separated a part of Jawahar Colony by describing it as

its extension. Appellants have not led any evidence that the respondents was demanding enhanced rate of development charges even from those

residents of Jawahar Colony whose plots were not comprised in khasra numbers mentioned in Ex.D-3. Despite this fact having been made clear in

the written statement by the respondent, the appellant did not cite any example for demonstrating that the enhanced rates of development charges

were being claimed by the respondent even from those residents of Jawahar Colony whose plots were not comprised in the Khasra number

detailed in Exhibit D-3.

3. "The learned counsel for the appellant has tried to show that Jawahar Colony and Paryatiya Mo-halla/Colony are separate colonies and in these

circumstances, the development charges being charge by the respondent at the rate of Rs. 60/- per sq. yard cannot be charged from the residents

of the Jawahar Colony. The argument is not acceptable to the Court for the reasons already given by the first Appellate Court in the afore-quoted

paras. Dismissed.

4. Appeal dismissed.