

BharatPe's Grover not granted relief by SAC

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The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) has refused to grant emergency relief to BharatPe Co-founder and Managing Director Ashneer Grover from a governance review being conducted by the company, according to sources.

Grover had filed an arbitration plea earlier this month to stop a probe into alleged financial mismanagement in the company. The BharatPe MD, who is on leave till March-end, is also said to be seeking indemnity against future action by the company through the plea.

"SIAC, in the order itself has said that the question of whether the preliminary investigation's conclusion is justifiable or not will be considered by the tribunal in due course i.e. after the review committee reaches a conclusion on whether Grover is guilty of misconduct and gross negligence," said Salman Waris, partner at Delhi-based law firm TechLegis.

"Grover can now try to approach the HC to secure an interim injunction. But in the circumstances, I doubt the court will give him any immediate relief," added Waris.

The company and Grover are also reportedly in talks to settle the matter by buying out the latter's stake in the unicorn. Grover's stake of 9.5 per cent in the company was worth ₹19.95 crore based on the last funding round in August, when BharatPe was valued at \$2.8 billion.

Key investors at BharatPe have turned down an offer made by Grover to sell his stake for over ₹4,000 crore, if they want him to quit the firm, according to sources.



Grover seems to have valued the payments company at around \$6 billion — far higher than its valuation in the last funding round. However, the fintech start-up was looking at a fresh raise in January this year at a valuation of around \$4 billion, the sources said.

The battle between the investors and Grover came to a head on Wednesday, when the company announced that it had terminated the services of Grover's wife, Madhuri Jain, who was head of controls, over alleged financial irregularities and cancelled her stock options.

The company's key investors include Sequoia Capital, with a 19.6 per cent stake, Coatue (12.4 per cent), Ribbit Capital (11 per cent), Benchmark (9.6 per cent), among others. The investors have cumulatively put in over \$700 million in the company. In

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the subsequent rounds of capital raise, they have increased their collective stake in the company to over 66 per cent, even as the founders' stake has been going down.

RERA review may save home buyers from errant builders

As state after state diluted rules to regulate real estate, SC ordered a relook

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If homebuyers are forced to do even more extensive due diligence for an under-construction project than earlier, one reason is that states have diluted the 2016 Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act or RERA, allowing developers to flout the rules.

With each state having diluted the rules differently, the task has become even more complex for home buyers. This is why the Supreme Court recently asked the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to undertake a detailed scrutiny of RERA rules in every state.

All ongoing construction projects which have not received a completion certificate prior to commencement of the Act are meant to come under the RERA. The rules were meant to be applied uniformly across the country. But seven key states including Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra have waived this rule, according to analysis by Anarock Property Consultants.

Uttar Pradesh has excluded ongoing projects which have applied for an occupancy certificate or received a partial completion certificate or sale deed for 60 per cent of the flats executed before the Act was notified from the purview of the RERA.

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In Karnataka, ongoing projects in which 60 per cent of the work has been completed or which have a partial occupancy certificate, are not subject to RERA rules.

"If different states have different versions of the RERA, it creates confusion in the minds of buyers who are forced to do their own due diligence in every state they want to buy in," said Prashant Thakur, director and head of research, Anarock.

The study showed that among key cases, only Gujarat has followed the RERA clause in spirit as formulated by the Centre.

ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Central RERA Act: All ongoing projects that have not received completion certificate prior to commencement of the Act included

State RERA rules: UP RERA Act excluded ongoing projects which have applied for occupancy certificate (OC) or received partial completion certificate (CQ) or sale deed for 60 per cent of the flats

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ON FINES

Central RERA Act: Prescribed a fine of up to 10% of the project cost and imprisonment for up to three years for repeated offences.

State rules: UP provides for a fine of a maximum of 10% in lieu of imprisonment. Haryana prescribes a fine of between 5 and 10%, Karnataka has a fine of up to 10% in lieu of imprisonment

This dilution of clauses has made RERA less stringent, say analysts, and allowed developers to circumvent the rules designed to protect home buyers.

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Yet Uttar Pradesh provides for a fine of a maximum of 10 per cent in lieu of imprisonment. Haryana prescribes a fine of 5 to 10 per cent, Karnataka has a fine of up to 10 per cent in lieu of imprisonment and Maharashtra's version of RERA talks about 5 to 10 per cent in lieu of imprisonment.

On changing the sanctioned plan, RERA said the consent of two-thirds of the allottees is required. Again, in Uttar Pradesh, this clause is not even mentioned. In Haryana,

the minimum number of allottees required to make changes is not specified.

Maharashtra has changed the phrase 'sanctioned plan' to 'test sanctioned plan' which made all earlier changes done to the plan in ongoing project without the consent of two-thirds of allottees legal.

Finally, RERA's model sale agreement stipulated a 10 per cent advance payment or the charging of an application fee from buyers at the time of entering into a written agreement for sale. Moreover, if any structural defect appeared within five years of buyers taking possession, developers would be liable to rectify the defects free of cost.

Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have watered down this provision and some other clauses are not even mentioned. Rajasthan's rules have no clarity on the number of years until Uttar Pradesh has completely ignored this requirement, according to a study by Knight Frank.

Mondelez aims to push up India revenue to \$2 billion by 2030

Sees top line growing 11% in a year, opportunity to double its store reach

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Mondelez International expects its India revenues to grow by 10-11 per cent per year. This was the firm's target for \$2 billion revenue by 2030. In 2021, the company's Dairy Milk-maker reported a \$1.2-billion India revenue.

In the previous calendar year, Mondelez International's India business grew at 21 per cent due to the pandemic and is higher than its growth rate in the last three years. Its average growth rate for the last three years stood at 11 per cent.

"We just made a plan looking at the future of the company for the next 10 years up to 2030. We believe that India in that plan will play a phenomenal role, having double-digit growth per year. The importance of India for us as a company will keep on increasing," said Dirk Van De

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Put, chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of Mondelez International. The chocolate maker is focused on increasing its penetration in the Indian market as 80 per cent of its sales here come through traditional channels. It sees a huge opportunity to double its store reach, which stands at around 3 million.

and 3 per cent from the digital channel. The CEO said, "The digital component is of course growing very fast. It's only 3 per cent of our business, but in the end that's not too bad. Globally, it's at 6 per cent and in India, it's growing really fast."

Mondelez is also constantly investing in India and has been adding lines every year to increase production. But the company is also open to acquiring an Indian firm. Van De Put said, "There is always the positive potential that we would acquire an Indian company, which would be a massive investment in the country's market."

On the innovation front, the firm sees 10 per cent of its sales come from innovations. It has 10 big launches every year. Inflation has globally been inching up through all of 2021.

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Aurobindo, Sun Pharma recall drugs in US market

Leading homegrown drug makers Aurobindo Pharma and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries are recalling different products in the US market due to deviation from primary standard manufacturing norms. According to the latest enforcement report issued by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the US-based arm of Aurobindo Pharma is recalling 1,75,776 bottles of Moxifloxacin Ophthalmic Solution, an antibiotic used in the treatment of bacterial infections. According to the FDA, the Princeton-based Aurobindo Pharma USA is recalling the affected lot due to "failed impurities/degradation specifications". The company initiated the nationwide Class II recall on January 14 this year.

The FDA said the US-based arm of Sun Pharma is recalling 95,232 bottles of Chlorthalidone tablets, used for reducing excess fluid levels in the body. PI

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