



# SOCIAL AND LEGAL IMPACT OF RERA ON SOCIETY

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## **ABSTRACT**

The need of regulation of the Real Estate Market arose from the increasing malpractices in the real estate market where the consumers had to bear a lot of risks such as delayed delivery, title of the property, quality of the facilities provided, and necessary changes etc. before they decide to purchase. The Real Estate Regulation (Development and Authority) Act, 2016 came up with a primary objective to restore the faith of consumers by regulating the business practices and transactions in real estate sector. This whole standardization procedure involved establishment of Real Estate Regulatory Authorities at state level for facilitating the development of the real estate sector and a customer-oriented procedure wherein the interests of the customers cannot be harmed. Now the risk borne by the customers is transferred to the developer. Provision of an escrow account, no advertisements allowed without registration with RERA, punishments and compensations in case of delayed delivery, etc. left no room for developers to absorb the other costs incurred by them so they may be transferred on the customers by the way of price increase. Instead of increasing the sales, price hike of 40 per cent within a week of enforcement in some states, led to the decrease in total sales, which were already soaring due to Demonetization. There were other challenges faced by the States in establishing the Regulatory Authority as per the central Act and a lot of controversy occurred in respect of penalties, wherein some states did not enforce the penal provision in their subsequent Act and Rules for enforcement of RERA.

**Keywords:** *RERA, Problems, Prospects*

## INTRODUCTION

this paper ambitions to explain the troubles and possibilities for actual property industry in india publish rera. It examines the leader reasons these problems arise and their impact at the actual estate region. Additionally, it outlines the possibilities and possibilities as an final results of the rera act. The paper is primarily based on exam and overview of secondary records, together with key provisions of the act. The real property (law and development) act, 2016 is an act of india's parliament. This act is implemented for the real estate controlling department for guideline and advancement of the real estate phase and to safeguard sale of plot, rental or building, as in step with the situation, or sale of actual property scheme correctly and transparently and to bear the hobby of the customer inside the actual property phase and to establish an arbitrating mechanism for quick dispute release. According to rera, each nation and union territory may have its controller and recommendations to administer the controller's paintings. Parliament has issued the suggestions for union territories comprising the country wide capital. Severa states have been notified approximately rera hints and therefore started running hence, but few states are nonetheless behind to get notified about it. In several locations, land acquisition will become a hassle. Errant developers regularly promote schemes to buyers with out sanctioning plans, bad pleasant of construction, scheme caught inside the lawsuit, and so on. Rera seeks to deal with problems like delays, price, first-rate of construction, and different variations. A actual estate development corporation's promotional agent has to uphold a awesome escrow account to each of those schemes. At least 70% of the cash from traders and clients will have to be deposited. This money can best be utilized for the construction of initiatives and the value of land. Rera desires the builders to publish the unique sanctioned plans for their continuing schemes and versions later. Additionally, they need to deliver details of profits collected from allotters, how the finances are used, the length for construction, completion, and transport so as to want to be authorized via an engineer/architect/practising chartered accountant. It'll be each state controller's obligation to record the real property scheme and real estate manager operating of their nation beneath rera. The particulars of all the indexed projects may be placed on the website of public get admission to. Builders can't invite, suggest, vend, propose, marketplace, or ebook any land, condo, house, constructing, assignment inside the venture with out previous registering it with the controller authority. Later, after registration, all the commercials inviting investment will display the rera registration wide variety (indiacode. Nic. In, 2021). Rera act chiefly specializes in the consumer's main troubles allied to incorrect records schemes with the aid of the retailers, mistreatment of resources, and postponements in finishing actual estate schemes (khan, 2020). The three leader reforms are: the assessment of gst, the release of rera, and the permission of infrastructure status to reasonable housing schemes have had a huge and positive have an effect on on the sector. The authorities's visualization of "housing for all by way of 2022" and the grant of infrastructure popularity to compact, affordable housing houses study an upsurge in call for for reasonable houses. The rera (real estate law act) changed into announced in 2016 to carry consistency in the actual-property zone and guard clients' hobbies from the misconducts of partial developers. Nowadays, the rera outcomes may be skilled as augmented transparency in real-estate deals, stronger responsibility of developers, which has brought about augmented call for from purchasers (ashianahousing. Com, 2021). The real property section incorporates numerous

sub-segments like a commercial, hospitality, housing, retail, warehousing & logistics contributes 6 – 7% of the state's gdp. The real property segment is the second-biggest employment benefactor after agriculture (kpmg, 2019). Moreover, there is a high diploma of misperception amongst retailers and developers on the issue of the merchandising of initiatives to clients. Elements like constructing builder micro-website barriers, obstacles on selling, kyc, and many others., are still uncertain. There's additionally the most doubt over the contracts' re-execution in case of tasks in which the deed is previously signed. At the same time as some states are demanding for all such documents to be re-executed beneath the rera, different states are excusing contemporary agreements from this responsibility. This contradiction throughout states is evidencing to be the primary supply of misperception for clients of assets. Pointers prolonged by using ministry of housing and concrete affairs regarding the development of rera, 2016:

1. the that means of force majeure can be broadened to incorporate the non-availability of 'construction substances' and labor because of inevitable conditions, overdue approval from government bodies, or due to felony order or live.
2. real property agents can be revived from its duty upon imposing settlement amongst developer and domestic consumer.
3. pan india registration for actual property agent in place of country-sensible registration is presently finished beneath rera.
4. penalty of 5% on actual estate agents in case of default can be reduced, as the commission isn't always more than 2% in maximum times.
5. the registration of sale deed, registration of agreement to sale, and so on., ought to come under the realm of rera (lawzilla. In, 2021).

## **BACKGROUND**

The Real Estate Sector plays a catalytic role in fulfilling the demand for housing and infrastructure in the country. While it has expanded over the years, it has be highly unregulated coupled with lack of standardization and adequate measures for protection of consumers interest. The major problems faced by the consumers was the unavailability of complete and authentic information in respect of the property they were dealing into, lack of accountability on the part of developers and builders and absence of effective regulation. The irregularities affecting the sector were delay in project completion, diversion of funds collected from buyers; renegeing on contractual commitments by both the developers and the buyers; and constraints in financing and investment opportunities available to the sector, thereby affecting its long-term growth.<sup>1</sup>

Thus, the need of regulation of real-estate market was never more than it was now: to ensure transparency and fix accountability.

<sup>1</sup> Arun K. Misra, Nagendra Goel, *Legislation for the Real Estate Sector*, Economic and Political Weekly, 49, 54-55. (June 2014)

## **KEY OBJECTIVES OF RERA**

RERA primarily aims to check and promote the real estate market, ensure transparency in deals of real estate design in an effective manner, guard the interests of consumers and introduce a client- friendly system, establish an adjudicating medium for speedy disagreement redressal by separating the issues under the governance of the Appellate Tribunal. The salient features of the Act are as follows:

- It establishes a centralized Real Estate Regulatory Authority, a separate adjudicatory administration and constituting a Central Advisory Council for the same. It further directs the states to make regulations in accordance with this Act for the regulation of the real estate market.
- The Transfer of Risk-bearing from Customers to Developers by the inclusion of liability of promoters, constructors, developers, real estate agents, etc.
- The Act lays out a process for the real-estate Transactions wherein the provision of maintenance of a separate bank account for every project is compulsory out of which only 30 per cent of the total can be appropriated. The rest 70 per cent will only be used in the same project.
- No sale or advertisement of any real estate project is allowed without prior registration with the concerned authority. Provision of mandatory disclosure of all project details e.g. from all accounts, audits and reports etc. to details of the promoters, developers, agents, engineers, architect and the approving authority, etc., and published on one website pertaining to the real estate projects.
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- It easily defines the birthrights, duties, and places of all the parties to the design.
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## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

In Revisiting the Real Estate Bill, 2013<sup>2</sup>, the authors compare all three Real-estate Bills out of which two are central bills – first one proposed in 2011 and the other introduced in Parliament in 2013, which also was passed by the assembly and had been enacted with effect from June 2017. The third bill was Maharashtra Housing Regulation and Development Bill, introduced in Maharashtra State Assembly in 2012.

The authors juxtaposed all three bills and strikes out differences and similarities in all three. Prominent similarities drawn out were the common objective of compulsory registration of all the real estate projects which are above a certain size. Another common intention carried out by all three bills was of provision of the Appellate Tribunal having powers similar to that of a civil court. Although, the bills promise transparency, but the reluctance can be spelt out for introduction of meaningful controls.<sup>3</sup> The differences along with the discrepancies were demarcated in respect of the definition of “apartment”, “carpet area”, issue of compulsory registration of agents and other intermediaries and the said Appellate Tribunal whether or not should be bound by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

Although all the three bills are promising transparency, regulation and quick redressal for real-estate disputes, there is a lot of procedural ambiguity pointed out by the authors. For instance, there is a provision of punishment with respect to making false statements of bookings, or the right to call for the production of records by the buyers during the course of a trial; leaving ambiguity in terms of availability and accountability of the registered sellers or developers and so on.

The authors further compare and contrast the proposed legislations with other countries. Majority of these countries only concentrates on regulation of real estate agents, and either regulate developers implicitly or do not regulate them at all. Although aiming at the protection of consumer’s interest and promoting the industry, the authority leaves the industry to function freely with minimal restrictions, guiding them to confirm with some stipulated standards and primarily regulating licensing of all the intermediaries functional in the real estate market. Some of the regulations also cover rental premises.<sup>4</sup> According to the author, the regulation of

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<sup>2</sup> Sahil Gandhi, Shirish B. Patel, Vaidehi Tandel. *Revisiting the Real Estate Bill, 2013* Economic and Political Weekly, 48, (2013, November) Issue No. 48.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.s*

<sup>4</sup> *Supra at 2. p 39.*

developers is of prime importance in India, where properties are sold before they are built. Generally, in India, the market is more concentrated in transactions in new construction than in existing units. The primary need is of the regulation developers, along with the regulation of the real estate agents in the long run for the ready-to-occupy second sales.<sup>5</sup> The Real Estate Bill introduced in 2013 borrowed the best of all the proposed regulations, having the closest semblance with South African regulatory mechanism, which has also been substantiated in the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 in Chapter VI.

In authors' opinion, there should be a central Act as a model act, guiding the states to enact their own legislations or should be made applicable to only those states that haven't enacted any legislation in this field, as the Real Estate is enlisted in concurrent list, open to legislation by both states and the Union. The authors advocate penalties and punishments of imprisonment, which in my opinion are not feasible. It should be open for the court to decide as per the case while ascertaining the damages for such consumers.<sup>6</sup>

There are recommendations proposed for how the Real Estate Act "ought to be", most of which have been satisfied by the current enactment. For instance, the provision of revealing all the RERA registration details along with stipulated details related to the property concerned can be only advertised after such estate has been registered under RERA. The customers' interests have been given primary importance. The act also ensures a system of speedy dispute resolution wherein many terms have been defined clearly under the Act such as the architects, engineers, contractor, the real estate agent, purchaser, developer, etc. Other ambiguities and difficulties in terms of taxation were supposedly eliminated by the GST.

In Legislation for the Real Estate Sector, the authors pointed out the factors leading to introduction of RERA and a need for consolidation of law for the regulation of the market and the parties concerned as well as protection of the rights and interests of the consumers; aiming to facilitate the growth and functioning of the real estate market. RERA, being a sector-specific regulatory enactment intends to regulate the business of sale and purchase of real estate properties. Moreover, it also addresses the concerns of both buyers and promoters in the sector, is both a preventive and curative legislation with powers to enforce specific performance based on contractual obligations; providing for fast-track adjudicatory mechanism, including imposition of penalties, interest and compensation for contravention on all the parties involved in the transaction. The authors further explain the salient features of the bill while critically analyzing them, and the same has been enacted as proposed in the Bill. The advantages and benefits as described further by the authors is more of an ideal scenario, focusing on the objectives of the Real Estate Bill, and simply fails to cull out the discrepancies. While considering the ideal perspective, the authors fail to analyze the implications on the real estate market altogether.

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<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* p. 37

<sup>6</sup> *Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, No. 16 of 2016, 2016, Chapter IV talks about the establishment of the Central Advisory Council to be chaired by the head of the ministry dealing with housing, consisting of members from other concerned central ministries, state governments, and regulatory authorities, to advise the central government on matters concerning implementation of the law; to make recommendations on major questions of policy; protection of consumer interest; and to foster growth and development of the real estate sector.*

## **IMPACT ON INDIAN ECONOMY**

The three policies that were introduced together were Demonetization, GST and RERA which had multiple effects on the Indian economy at that time. Demonetization hit the middle class and the lower class the most. After six months of demonetization, RERA was put into effect which again affected the real estate market detrimentally. Implementation of RERA with the aim of regulating the real estate market turned out to as an impediment to its growth since its inception.<sup>7</sup> RERA directly affected the small-scale developers and contractors badly in the metropolitan areas due to the lack of employment opportunities for the laborers as a lot of proposed development of real-estate projects were either closed or adjourned until it were registered with the RERA. The shift of liability and increased accountability of the builders in terms of delivery of the property was balanced by the developers by a unanimous increase in the price of the estates up to 40 per cent more than their previous values within a fortnight in Mumbai, 30-40 per cent in Bangalore, and about 25-30 percent in Delhi; although the predicted rise in price was not more than 10 per cent.<sup>8</sup> Such a sharp rise in the prices of estate coupled with withdrawal of small, unorganized firms due to lack of competence as well as lesser trust due to lesser accountability added barriers in the real estate market. Moreover, the purchasing capacity was hit by demonetization thus there were even lesser buyers in the market. The situation arose wherein the sellers could not possibly sell the property at lower prices due to limited incentives and buyers were not willing to buy property because of their income hit by demonetization or the decreased liquidity of the estate and was simply waiting for the sellers to decrease the price. Thus the real estate market was stagnant.

The Act further complicates the mechanism by its ambiguity. For instance, although the Appellate Tribunal has the jurisdiction as similar to that of a civil court, the same is not bound by the Civil Procedure Code, 1908. With no definite procedure defined in the central Act, the Union leaves it on the States to make rules in consonance and comply with the Central Act guidelines within a span of one year. Furthermore, according to the general convention, the Central Act overrides all the State legislations in case of a conflict, but here the statement with respect to the over-riding effect is puzzling –

“Provided that where a State has enacted a law for regulation of the real estate sector, and such State law is not inconsistent with this Act, then, the State Government, to that extent, may not apply the provisions of this Act in the State.”<sup>11</sup>

It is hard to make out what “not inconsistent” means. Does it mean there is no difference between the two Acts? In that case, how does it matter which of the two (identical) provisions you apply? Or does “not inconsistent” mean that if both Acts cover the same ground, “may not apply” means the state government can choose whichever of the two legislations it prefers to apply in respect of any particular clause. towards consumer protection, and the current Act has been drafted and enforced by keeping in mind the characteristics

<sup>7</sup> Shubhra Tandon, *With implementation of RERA, Challenges persist*, THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS, May 15, 2017. Retrieved from: <http://www.financialexpress.com/industry/withimplementationofrerachallengespersist/668536/>

<sup>8</sup> R. Sharma, *RERA impact: New launches down 41 per cent in real estate sector*, THE HINDU. June 17, 2017. Retrieved from: <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/realestate/reraimpactnewlaunchesdown41percentinrealestatesector/article9752450.ece>

of Indian real-estate market, all measures inculcated are taken from the best regulatory systems of the world. As the Act is in its initial stages, it is natural for the anomalies to occur in the course of execution, and with constant upgrading as per the changes in the economy, the Act will achieve its purpose in totality.

## **ASSESSMENT OF TROUBLES AND POSSIBILITIES FUNDAMENTAL POTENTIALITIES**

The Real Estate Regulation and Development Act (RERA) helps the developers have a huge budget to construct various schemes. The actual estate regulation and improvement act (rera) allows the developers have a big price range to construct various schemes. It's also useful for the middle-class populace. Because of the real property regulation and improvement act, builders are compulsorily destined to include the technical and expert individuals of their company to modify all of the required statistics that needs to be submitted to the involved authority. All of the in all likelihood approaches of corruption inside the actual estate region are completely converted and are nearly eliminated. The paper suggests that by using making use of these acts and tips, corruption most of the brokers and the builders may be seized to a larger volume. The stamp responsibility in the shape of taxes can be regained. Furthermore, now it almost completely obvious method. The paper also demonstrates that those acts and pointers stimulated the nation's monetary improvement in all section sub-divisions. Moreover, the brand-new stamp responsibility and assets tax policy is influencing the charges of the properties. Contrary, there are numerous other opportunities for funding in india. Though, india has a full-size populace of the center class who look for making an investment within the most secure desire. Actual property has bigger rewarding earnings than different sectors (khan, 2020).

### ***1. Right to information about the property***

Proper to data approximately the belongings the right statistics concerning the builder and property can assist a consumer in multiple elements. The builder is certain to percentage all the details regarding the assignment, including plan layout, plan of implementation, of entirety stages, of entirety repute, and many others.

### ***2. Standardized Carpet Area***

Standardized carpet place rera has a uniform version of computing the house/rental's carpet region or any commercial creation. Rera describes carpet place as 'the networkable floor place of a house/condo, with out the area enclosed by way of the outside walls, areas under offerings shafts, extraordinary balcony or verandah region and unique open terrace space, but incorporates the gap included by the inner divider partitions of the house/ rental.'

### ***3. Builders Will Be Responsible For Any Flaw/Fault In The Construction***

Developers can be accountable for any flaw/fault within the creation underneath the rera act, the customer has the complete right to ask a developer to restore all the creation flaws. If there is any flaw or fault in the condo's construction, then it needs to be constant by way of the concerned real estate developer. This is for the constructing's creation fault relevant up to five years from the date of ownership.



#### ***4. Grievances Will Be Addressed and Solved Quickly:***

In case purchasers are discontented with the building, or if there is any other problem with the commercial, residential property in a city like Mumbai, then the purchaser can approach the Appellate Tribunal. This tribunal will address the case within two months.

#### ***5. Builders will does not be able to delay the projects:***

Under the RERA Act, every real estate builder must provide a delivery date for the handover of the possession of the buildings to the purchasers. If, in any case, the builder is not able to finish the project until the delivery date, then they will have to experience consequences (indiabullsrealestate.com, 2021).

## **PROBLEMS**

The paper discusses few issues related to guidelines implemented for the actual estate zone. The timelines of sanctions by using controlling authorities have no longer been nicely-defined. Any postponement in sanctions from controlling authorities ought to have an impact on clients as nicely. The bill may additionally cause rather better fees of houses because of the lessened competition. New mission declarations might be limited as builders might not declare without receiving sanctions, which can take 2 to 3 years. Following are some hints explaining the barriers of rera, 2016, specifically:

### ***1. Growth in assets rate***

Because of severa outside and inner factors in the section, it lacks cash. Developers have to look for other resources for cash, main to an upsurge inside the assets's fee. This difference impacts to call for and deliver chain on this section.

### ***2. Stagnant boom***

Because of 70% investment in an escrow account, there could be cash glide interruptions main to postponement in tasks. This step is taken to seize the builder from distracting their minds to new schemes and end the continuing mission.

### ***3. Supply-demand imbalance:***

compliance with all of the capabilities will postpone the task, and there'll no longer be pre-selling of the assets. Massive builders can assemble 2 to three schemes inside two years; consequently, it's going to lack economies imbalance because of the challenge length and small developers can't earn money with loss of strategies and budget.

### ***4. Strong penalty***

if a developer fails to acquire any delivery, he may be despatched for imprisonment up to three years or 10% of the scheme's entire quantity. This case put the purchaser in worry and stored them faraway from their houses

till the case turned into solved. This generates tension in their lives and adversely influences their economic crisis.

### **5. No cover on condo**

rera does no longer contain any apartment contracts; it absolutely depends upon the consumer to uphold the condominium agreement, which signifies the agreed and disagreed part to keep the belongings and make appropriate use of it (lawzilla, 2021). Some of the drawbacks of rera are for builders as nicely. Builders can not use the fund in different schemes; consequently new schemes can not be taken up as a consequence of in advance schemes' price range. Tenet needs sanctions and permissions, which may result in the postponement of beginning/completing of projects. Lack of hobby of builders in real estate tasks due to firm hints and decreased profit. Actual estate has top employability capacities, however developers are discouraged due to rera; subsequently, employment chances are lost. Real property accommodates creation materials, a sales source to numerous small- and big- scale organizations, however due to rera, the numerous new tasks are reduced; therefore, the call for for materials is reduced. Therefore, it affects both the economy and employment.

## **DISCUSSION**

This paper assessed few reports to give more light at the records concerning rera. The report, titled 'rera induces faster production and monetary increase,' determined that before 2016, the common time taken to complete as much as the 1st floor of the building launch used to be 21 months. Amid tier-i cities, mumbai metropolitan region located the maximum drop of sixty three% within the median time body from 15 months to 5 months; even as chennai observed a minimal drop that being 27% from 10 months to 7 months, between 2016 and 2018. In ncr, the common time declined to eight months from 17 months. The paper in addition discloses that developers' augmented responsibility has given an uplift to the cement section. Cement is a major thing in the real estate area and a pointer of development in actual property and associated sectors (moneycontrol. Com, 2021). Various businesses do a illustration of law and its firm execution. There's no uncertainty that the execution of rera has landed numerous builders in imprisonment, but the issue of home clients isn't resolved as they are nonetheless incapable of having possession of the residences, workplaces, stores. Numerous developers like unitech are providing ownership with out gaining of completion certificate. Furthermore, the possessions handed over in 2018 are forcefully getting acknowledged by the home clients on the backdate of july 2017, the date before implementing rera. So, authorities answerable and related to rera should pop out in their comforts and have to implement the act correctly required (mbauniverse. Com, 2021).

## **CONCLUSION**

The actual estate (regulation and development) act 2016 become added with a cause of law and merchandising of the unregulated actual estate region with a purpose to shield the pastimes of each buyer and dealers and different events to the transaction and facilitate dissemination of facts to the parties. India ratings low on the regulatory index due to loss of proper enforcement mechanism in the actual-property zone. It additionally aimed to establish a separate adjudicatory mechanism as proposed underneath the bill, to solve disputes faster between the promoter and the consumer or the client and the real property agent. However, any rules for the actual estate region will have to constantly evolve, like any other regulatory law, with the adjustments within the economic system. The actual estate enterprise in india changed into in dire want of effective law in the direction of patron safety, and the present-day act has been drafted and enforced via preserving in thoughts the characteristics of indian actual- estate market, all measures inculcated are taken from the excellent regulatory structures of the sector. As the act is in its initial stages, it's far natural for the anomalies to occur within the route of execution, and with regular upgrading as in step with the modifications within the financial system, the act will attain its purpose in totality.

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