

29th September 2020

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Disciplinary Order

Liability on Insolvency Professional Mr. S.K. Bhatt as a member of M/s Shrea Insolvency Professional Private Limited, for the act of taking bribe by Mr. S.K. Aggarwal who is also a member of M/s Shrea Insolvency Professional Private Limited.

A mention was made in the meeting of the Governing Board held on 30th June, 2020 about a news which was circulated on social media a few months back wherein an IP, Mr. S.K. Aggarwal being a member of the M/s Shrea Insolvency Professionals Private Limited, Insolvency Professional Entity(IPE), set up by one of the member of IPA ICAI was caught by Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI) while accepting bribe. It was suggested to take up the matter in the Disciplinary committee Meeting to consider and advise in the matter with regard and reference to Regulation 13(3) of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Professionals) Regulations, 2016:

“An insolvency professional entity shall be jointly and severally liable for all acts or omissions of its partners or directors as insolvency professionals committed during such partnership or directorship.”

The Members of the committee in its meeting held on 27th July 2020 directed the Secretary of the committee to issue show cause notice after approval of the Chairman. A Show cause Notice was issued on 20th August, 2020 to Mr. S.K. Bhatt directing to confirm on affidavit that there was no nexus in the matter wherein the Director of the M/s Shrea Insolvency Professionals Private Limited was caught taking bribe by the CBI. A reply to the Show cause Notice was received on 21st August, 2020 in which Mr. S.K. Bhatt has denied having any association in with Mr. S. K. Aggarwal in the act of bribery. Further, Mr. S.K. Bhatt has undertaken on affidavit dated 3rd September, 2020 that he had no nexus in the matter of Mr. S.K. Aggarwal and that M/s Shrea Insolvency Professionals Private Limited was never directly or indirectly involved with Mr. S.K. Aggarwal on the assignment in which he was caught by the CBI.

The Committee members deliberated the issue and based on communication received from Mr. S.K. Bhatt it was concluded that no case for professional misconduct is made out against him.

Conclusion: Considering all the facts and documents produced by Mr. S.K. Bhatt, no case is made out against him.

This order shall come into force from the date of its issue.

Date: 29th September 2020

Place: Delhi

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S/d

Mr. Narendra Hooda (Chairman)

Dr. Satya Pal Narang (Member)

Mr. Rakesh Singh (Member)

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