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INDIAN CONTRACT ACT, 1872

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2.	Sam Built Well (P) Ltd. v. Deepak Builders, (2018) 2 SCC 176	Government Contracts and Tenders - Judicial Review / Validity - Opinion of project owner / Experts on satisfaction of eligibility criteria Relevance of - Judicial restraint.
3.	Mhada us. Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. (P) Ltd., (2018) 3 SCC 13	Government Contracts and Tenders arbitration or Foreign seated arbitration Determination
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Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881

S. no.	Case name	Related To
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2.	Priyanka Nagpal vs. State (NCT of Delhi), (2018) 3 SCC 249	Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 - S. 138 - Sentence and compensation:
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2.	Kalawati vs. Rakesh Kumar, (2018) 3 SCO 658	Specific Relief Act, 1963 - S. 16(e) -Specific performance of contract.
3.	Krishna Devi us. Keshri Nandan, (2018) 4 SCC 481	Contract and Specific Relief - Formation Defects - Fraud and misrepresentation - Matters required to be established:
4.	M.P. Power Management Co. Ltd. us. Renew Clean Energy (P) Ltd., (2018) 6 SCC 157	Contract and Specific Relief - Performance of Contract Time of Performance - Time of the Essence - Termination/Discharge/ Compensation/Penalty for delayed performance:
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6.	Urmila Devi D. Mandir Shree Chamunda Devi, (2018) 2 SCC 284	Specific Relief Act, 1963 - S. 21 - Compensation in lieu of specific performance:
7.	Manjeet "Singh vs. National Insurance Co. Ltd.; (2018) 2 SCC 108	Contract and Specific Relief - Termination/ Discharge of Contract Termination/ Repudiation for Breach of Contract:
8.	Eureka Builders Gulabchand, (2018) SCC 67	Transfer of Property Act, 1882 - Ss. 8, 7 and 54 - Nemo dat quod non habet:

Transfer of Property 1882

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1.	A Dharmalingam VS. Lalithambal, (2018) 6 SCC 65	Transfer of Property Act, 1882 - Ss. 54, 7 and 8 Sale of remainder men's interest during lifetime of holders of life estate:
2.	Dharmalingam vs. Lalithambal, (2018) 6 SCC 65	Transfer of Property Act, 1882 - Ss. 54, 7 and 8 Sale of remainder men's interest during lifetime of holders of life estate:
3.	A.P. Industrial Infrastructure Corpn. Ltd. vs. S.N. Raj Kumar, (2018) 6 SCC 410	NA
4.	Balwant Vithal Kadam v. Sunil Baburaoi Kadam, (2018) 2 SCC 82	Transfer of Property Act, 1882 - S. 54 - Agreement for sale/ agreement to sell of immovable property:
5.	A. Dharmalingam vs. Lalithambal, (2018) 6 SCC 65	Transfer of Property Act, 1882 - Ss. 54, 7 and 8 Sale of remainder men's interest during lifetime of holders of life

The Transfer of Property Act, 1882

S. No.	Case Name	Facts	Date
1.	Tanu ram bora Versus Promod Ch. Das (d) Through Lrs. And Others	[Section 43 of Transfer of Property Act, 1882 Transfer by Erroneous Representation of Title Will Hold Good If Transferor Acquires Title Later.	February 8 th 2019
2.	Ganesan (d) Through lrs Versus	Not always Necessary that attesting witnesses Should	11 July, 2019

	Kalanjam And others	Actually see The Testator Sign the will	
3.	Sopan (dead) Through his L.r. Versus Syed nabi	Sale with a Mere Condition of Re-transfer Is Not a Mortgage	July 16, 2019



[Section 43 of Transfer of Property Act, 1882]

Transfer by Erroneous Representation of Title Will Hold Good If Transferor

Acquires title later,

Tanu Ram Bora

Versus

Promod Ch. Das (d) through Irs. And others

Division Bench

Hon'ble L. Nageswara Rao & M. R. Shah JJ.

M. R. Shah, J.

Dated: February 8, 2019

Law Point

After the amended Act 20 of 1929, u/s 43 of TPA, it doesn't matter whether the transferor acted fraudulently or innocently in making the representation and what matters is that the transferor/ vendor makes a representation and the transferee/ vendee has acted on it.

Brief facts

The Appellant (original plaintiff purchased the suit land by a registered sale deed of from Late Pranab Kumar Bora, husband of original Defendant No.2 and Father of original Defendant Nos. 3 to 8 on 06/01/1990.

The suit property/land was declared as ceiling surplus land in the year of 1988 and consequently, the same was acquired by the Government. However, subsequently on 14/09/1990, the suit land was again declared ceiling free.

Thereafter, the Appellant mutated the land in his name and his name was recorded in the Sadar Jambandi. The original Defendant no, 1 (an ex-Police officer) illegally entered into the suit land on 09/04/1995.

The Appellant petitioner immediately filed a suit in the court of Ld. Civil Judge praying:

- * for the possession of the suit land by evicting Defendant no. 1
- * for a decree of declaration declaring his right, title and interest over the suit land and;

Decision of the trial court

The Ld. Trial Court decreed the suit in favour of the Appellant petitioner and held that the Appellant purchased the suit land by valid document and has got right, title and interest over suit land.

Assailing the judgment of the Ld. Trial Court, the Defendant no. 1 filed an appeal before the First Appellate Court.

Decision of the first appellate court

The First Appellate Court allowed the appeal of the Defendant no. 1 and remanded back the matter to the Ld. Trial Court, framing an additional issue to the effect Whether the suit land was declared as a ceiling surplus land and as such it was acquired by the Government in the year 1988 and as such whether the vendor had any saleable right to sell the suit land to the plaintiff on 6/01/1990.

The Trial Court after considering the additional issue dismissed the suit on merits and held that the disputed land was declared as ceiling surplus land by Government and therefore, Late Pranab Kumar Bora, the vendor, had no right to sell the suit land by sale deed and consequently. The Appellant has no right, title and interest over the suit land.

Assailing the judgement of Id. Trial Court an appeal was preferred by the Appellant plaintiff to the First Appellate Court, which was dismissed and the Court further confirmed the judgement of the Ld. Trial Court and also concluded that the Defendants' right over the suit land was not established u/s 50 of TPA. Hence, the right of original Defendant no. 1 over the suit land was also declined,

Decision of the high court

The High Court dismissed the appeal preferred by the Appellant and confirmed the judgement and decree passed by the First Appellate Court inter alia of the Trial Court.

An appeal was then preferred by the aggrieved Appellant in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Contention of the Appellant

The counsel for the Appellant vehemently submitted as follow!

- * The Courts below have not at all considered Section 43 of TPA.
- * It is an admitted position that after the execution of the sale deed the suit land was subsequently made ceiling free and thereby the sale deed became a valid sale deed and in the view of section 43 of TPA, the right of the Appellant in the suit land are protected pursuant to the sale deed. The Counsel heavily relied upon the decision of the Hon ble Supreme Court in Ram Pyare v. Ram Narain and Other (1985) 2 SCC 162 and Jumma Masjid v. Kodimaniandra Deviah, AIR 1962 SC 847.
- * The Trial Court as well as the first Appellate Court failed to appreciate the fact that the Appellant approached the court when the original Defendant No. 1 illegally entered into the suit land.
- * The First Appellate Court has specifically held against Defendant no. 1, that he also has no right, title and interest on the suit land on the basis of the agreement to sell as none of the ingredients of Section 53A of TPA are satisfied and because no appeal is preferred against the order of the first Appellant court then, it had attain finality.
- * The Defendant no. 2 to 8, the legal heirs of the original vendor, never challenged the registered sale deed and also never claimed any right. Title or interest in the suit land.

Contention of defendants

Shri Harisharan Ld. Counsel appearing for Defendant (i.e. Defendant No. IS LR's (1 and 6)) submitted that:

- * There are concurrent findings of facts by all the courts below that the sale deed was executed in favour of the Appellant but the land in question was a government land and the original owner had no right, title or interest
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in the suit land and consequently, the Appellant, also, will not have any right.

- * For getting protection u/s 43 of TPA, the vendor has to prove that the transferor acted fraudulently or erroneously represented, but in the present case, these ingredients are not satisfied

Issue

Whether the Appellant can take protection us. 43 of 1882 Act, claiming his right, title and interest in the suit land.

Observation of the Hon'ble supreme court

The Hon'ble Supreme Court made following observations:

1. The heirs of the original vendor are not contesting the proceeding and they have never disputed the right title and interest of the Appellant.
2. There is no record to show that the Appellant was informed specifically at the time of execution of the sale deed that the land in question is ceiling surplus land. In these circumstances, Section 43 of 1882 Act, is highly relied upon.
3. In *Ram Poare (Supra)*, it was observed and held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that as the sale deed in favour of the vendee was result of an erroneous representation of the vendor, thereafter the son of the vendor cannot claim to be transferees in good faith and therefore their suit for cancellation of the sale deed would not be maintainable.
4. In the case of *Jumma Masjid (Supra)*, the following observations are made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court:
 - (i) Section 43 of TPA embodies rule of estoppel and enacts that a person who makes a representation shall not be heard to allege the contrary as against the person who act on the representation.
 - (ii) It is immaterial whether the transferor acts bonafide or fraudulently in making representation.
 - (iii) The only material to find out whether in fact the transferee has been misled.
 - (iv) After the amended Act 20 of 1929, it doesn't matter whether the transferor acted fraudulently or innocently in making the representation and what matters is that the transferor/vendor makes a representation and the transferee/ vendee has acted on it.

Decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court

Under the facts and circumstances of the case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that the rights of the Appellant in the suit land by a sale deed would be protected by the operation section 3 of TPA.

Therefore, the findings recorded by all the courts below that the Appellant plaintiff has no right, title and interest in the suit land' cannot be sustained and deserves to be quashed and set aside.

Further, other reliefs ie decree for return of possession and for permanent injunction are deserve to be granted, as the First Appellate Court has specifically held that the defendant no.1 has no right, title and interest in the suit land and the said finding attained, finality. Thus, defendant no. I cannot be permitted to be continuing in possession.

For reason stated above, the present appeal is allowed and the judgment and decree passed by the Ld Trial Court, confirmed by the first Appellate Court are hereby quashed and set aside.

Not always necessary that attesting witnesses should actually see the testator sign the will