

## ARTA files case against barangay captain in Marilao, Bulacan for violation of R.A. 11032

**4 November 2020** – The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) had filed a complaint against the Punong Barangay of Loma de Gato, Marilao, Bulacan, Ma. Lourdes I. San Andres, at the Office of the Ombudsman yesterday for violation of Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018.

ARTA recommended that the Punong Barangay be held liable for violating Section 21 (b) and (c) of R.A. 11032, specifically the imposition of additional requirements and costs other than those listed in the agency/office’s Citizen’s Charter, and by thus be suspended preventively.

Upon receipt of a complaint, ARTA conducted an investigation and clarificatory hearing. ARTA was able to validate that prior to issuing a Barangay Clearance to its residents, the Office of Barangay Loma de Gato requires a Homeowners Association (HOA) certification, a requirement not indicated in their Citizen’s Charter. The said act constitutes a violation of R.A. 11032 as stated in Section 21 (b). The fees exacted from residents for said HOA certifications on the other hand amounts to a violation of Section 21 (c).

Upon verification with the records of the Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation Office of ARTA, it was also found that the Barangay had not even been able to comply with the Citizen’s Charter submission which was mandated by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 11032.

“Cases shall continue to be filed against officials who will continue to do red tape. We are calling on Barangay Officials, do not ask more than what is required. *Hindi po tayo mga hari pero mga lingkod para tumulong sa tao*”, said Director General Jeremiah Belgica.

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