IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 28.01.2015

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.VAIDYANATHAN

W.P.Nos.1704 to 1710 of 2015
and M.P.Nos.1 to 1 of 2015

Ashley Alteams India Limited
(Represented by R.Muthukumar)
Chief Financial Officer)
AD-61, New No.3, I floor,
3rd Street, Annanagar,
Chennai - 600 040 ...Petitioner in all Petitions

Vs

The Commercial Tax Officer,
T.Nagar Assessment Circle,
46, Greenways Road, R.A.Puram,
Chennai - 600 028 ...Respondent in all Petitions

Prayer in W.P.No.1704 of 2015: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records on the file of the respondent herein in TIN: 33331582368/2007-08, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 respectively, dated 18.12.2014 and quash the same and directing the respondent to re-do the assessment in respect of the assessment year VAT/2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 respectively, after granting personal hearing to the petitioners.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Inbarajan

For Respondent : Mr.A.R.Jayapratap
Government Advocate (Tax)

C O M M O N O R D E R

The petitioner has come forward challenging the order dated 18.12.2014. The main contention raised by the petitioner is that the respondent ought not to have passed the Impugned Proceedings dated 18.12.2014, when it was the last date for filing a reply. Though the petitioner has raised other objections, which are mentioned in the grounds, when this Court pointed out that he has got alternative remedy and this Court will not entertain the Writ Petitions on the other grounds and that this Court is going to direct the petitioner to approach the Appellate Authority concerned, the petitioner confined to the ground no.1, which is stated supra.

2.The authorities have given time for the petitioner to reply, even though petitioner had received notice well in advance and has given objections, the proposed turnover, tax and ITC were confirmed by the authority.

3.This Court also pointed out that unless and until some portion of the amount is deposited by the petitioner, this Court may not entertain the Writ Petitions. Hence at the request of the petitioner, matter stood adjourned today, 28.01.2015.

4.Today, the petitioner fairly submitted that he would deposit 10% of the tax excluding penalty determined by the authority, so that he may be given an opportunity of personal hearing by the authority. The learned counsel for the petitioner requested twelve weeks time to deposit the amount, as the petitioner submitted that the Industry is really being suffered loss and accumulated loss is more than Rs.100 Crores.

5.Without rendering any findings on the merits of the matter and that the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit 10% of the arrears of tax, excluding penalty determined by the authority and without prejudice to the contention of the parties, the petitioner is given liberty to raise all the factual and legal submissions raised herein beofre the Authority, by then, the Authority shall pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, after affording opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner and without being influenced by the earlier Order or influenced by the Order in these Writ Petitions, within a period of four weeks, as per conditions laid down as follows:-

(i) The petitioner shall deposit 10% of the amount excluding penalty within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

(ii) The petitioner shall appear before the authority concerned on 16.02.2015 and make his written submissions / objections and also support his contention with documents, if any and it is open to the authority to grant further time, if required and pass orders within a period of four weeks from the date of hearing, as the case may be.

(iii) The proceedings of the order shall be kept in a sealed cover till the amount of 10% is deposited by the petitioner, as the petitioner sought for twelve weeks time from the date of receipt of copy of the order.

(iv) In case the petitioner fails to pay the 10% of the amount, as agreed by the petitioner within a period of twelve weeks, the original order impugned in these Writ petitions shall stand restored and the respondent is empowered to initiate appropriate action in accordance with law.

6.In the result, these Writ Petitions are disposed of and the impugned order is set aside on the above conditions. Consequently connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. No costs.

Sd/-
Deputy Registrar(J)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

The Commercial Tax Officer,
T.Nagar Assessment Circle,
46, Greenways Road, R.A.Puram,
Chennai - 600 028

1 CC to Mr.N.Inbarajan, Advocate SR.No. 4330

1 CC to the Government Pleader, SR.No. 4575

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