

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT HYDERABAD
FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AND THE STATE OF ANDHRA
PRADESH

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE DILIP B. BHOSALE
AND
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE S.V.BHATT

WRIT PETITION Nos.28385, 28393 and 28399 OF 2015

DATED: 10.09.2015

WRIT PETITION No.28385 OF 2015

Between:

Smt. Shahnaz Begum

... Petitioner

and

The State of Telangana and others

... Respondents

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PC: (per the Hon'ble The Acting Chief Justice Dilip B. Bhosale)

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N.Ashok Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

In the instant Writ Petitions, the petitioner challenges enhancement of property tax.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, invited our attention to representation, dated 07.04.2014 and submitted that the Commissioner, as provided for under Section 220 of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955, ought to have decided this representation. He submits that the petitioner made this representation within less than one week from the date of receipt of demand notice, dated 07.01.2015. We would not like to enter into an issue whether representation was made within a week as claimed by the petitioner. When the attention of the learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondents 2 and 3 was invited to this representation, he fairly stated that the Commissioner shall decide the same on merits in accordance with law.

In view thereof, we dispose of these Writ Petitions with the following order:

“The Commissioner shall decide the petitioner’s representation/complaint dated 07.04.2014 as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Till the petitioner’s complaint is decided, respondent No.2 or 3 shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner. It is needless to mention that the Commissioner shall communicate his decision to the petitioner within a period of two weeks from the date of the decision. It is open to the petitioner to challenge the Commissioner’s order passed on her representation/complaint, if it is adverse to her, in appropriate proceedings.”

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, also stand disposed of.

DILIP B. BHOSALE, ACJ

10th SEPTEMBER, 2015.

S.V. BHATT, J

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