

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

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SRI KALYAN JYOTI SENGUPTA

AND

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

WRIT PETITION NO.9791 OF 2015

DATED:8.4.2015

Between:

M/s. VIOM Networks Limited

V Floor, Gowra Trinity, Begumpet

Hyderabad

Rep. by its Assistant Manager - Legal

... Petitioner

And

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

Represented by its Commissioner and Special Officer

Lower Tank Bund Road

Hyderabad ... Respondent

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ORDER: (per the Hon'ble The Chief Justice Sri Kalyan Jyoti Sengupta)

After hearing the learned Counsel for the parties, we dispose of this Writ Petition directing the respondent Corporation not to make any attempt to recover any amount towards property tax without issuing proper demand notice as provided under the law. Merely downloading certain information from its official Website will not entitle the respondent Corporation to make any demand. The written notice demanding property tax has to be served personally upon the owner or payer of the taxable

property under the law. The communication through official website is not a substitute service of notice as the respondent corporation shall not presume that the owner/payer of the taxable property can have any computer/laptop facility in his house.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed. There will be no order as to costs.

K.J. SENGUPTA, CJ

SANJAY KUMAR, J

8.4.2015

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