THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

<u>WRIT PETITION No.12300 of 2016</u>

<u>ORDER</u>:

Heard Sri Pavan Kumar Pujari, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri N. Rishi Kumar, learned counsel representing Sri N. Ashok Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

The prayer of the petitioner in this case is as under:

> "For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, the petitioner herein prays that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate writ or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd respondent in not receiving the property tax for the year 2015-16 of Rs.1,30,842/- on account of "Early Bird Scheme" claiming that there were property tax dues of the subject property for H.No.13-6-431/D/82/4/1, consisting of Ground + 1st floor situated at GHMC Circle No: 7, Dalmandi, Mehadipatnam, Hyderabad without any base and prior notice, without specifying any calculations of alleged arrears, is as illegal, arbitrary and contrary to law, consequently may be directed to receive the property tax for the year 2015-16 on account of "Early Bird Scheme" and pass such other order or orders as the Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case."

Sri N. Rishi Kumar, learned counsel, states on instructions that the municipal authorities are willing to accept the amount tendered by the petitioner towards the property taxes for the year 2015-16 under the rebate scheme and that a separate notice would be issued, if necessary, as regards arrears of property taxes, if any.

Sri Pavan Kumar Pujari, learned counsel, states that the petitioner had already submitted representation dated 26.05.2015 to the municipal authorities clarifying that no arrears are payable.

In any event, that issue does not arise for consideration presently as the municipal authorities themselves state that they would undertake an exercise in that regard and communicate their decision to the petitioner.

The writ petition is therefore disposed of directing the municipal authorities to accept the property taxes tendered by the petitioner for the year 2015-16 under the rebate scheme and also for the year 2016-17, if a rebate scheme is already available therefor. It shall be open to the municipal authorities to take appropriate action in accordance with law as regards the arrears of property taxes, if any, payable by the petitioner.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed in the light of this final order. No order as to costs.

JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

13th April, 2016
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