

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C. PRAVEEN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION No.18492 OF 2016

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners, the learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development and Sri Ancha Pandu Ranga Rao, learned Standing Counsel for Guntur Municipal Corporation. With consent of both the counsel, the present writ petition is disposed of at the admission stage.

2. The present writ petition came to be filed seeking issuance of writ of *mandamus* declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in issuing ROC No.2494/2016/A-11 dated 31.03.2016 to pay an amount of Rs.4,06,575/- towards arrears of property tax and interest from 2011-12/I half year to 2015-2016/II in respect of Assessment No.88143 and also in issuing ROC No.2475/2016/A-11 dated 31.03.2016 to pay an amount of Rs.4,03,128/- towards arrears of property tax and interest from 2010-2011/I half year to 2015-2016/II in respect of Assessment No.88144 as arbitrary and illegal and set aside the same.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners mainly submits that the petitioners gave a representation dated 04.05.2010, but without considering the same, the impugned order came to be passed enhancing the payment of property tax.

4. Learned Standing Counsel for the 2nd respondent submits that there is no material placed before this Court to show the petitioners have submitted the representation and that being the

position, he submits that a fresh representation may be given and the same would be considered at the earliest.

5. Having regard to the circumstances stated above and without going into the merits of the case, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the petitioners to make a fresh representation seeking reduction or exemption from payment of property tax within a period of one week from today, in which event the respondent authorities shall pass orders on the representation within a period of two (02) weeks thereafter. Till such time, the respondent authorities shall not take coercive steps for recovery of the enhanced property tax.

Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this writ petition shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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JUSTICE C. PRAVEEN KUMAR

Date:17.06.2016

Note: Furnish C.C. by 20.06.2016

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