

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.04.2017

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE K.RAVICHANDRABAABU

W.P.No.10655 of 2017

Tvl. J.S.Machine India Private Limited,
Represented by its Authorised Signatory,
No.18/7, Postal Colony 3rd Street,
West Mambalam, Chennai-600 033. ... Petitioner

Vs.

The Commercial Tax Officer,
Roving Squad-II, Enforcement (Central),
Chennai-600 006. ... Respondent

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the respondent in his Compounding Notice bearing G.D.No.508/2017-18, dated 22.04.2017 and quash the same as being without jurisdiction and authority of law and direct the respondent to forthwith release the goods.

For Petitioner : Mr. A.Ravichandran
For Respondent : Mr.K.Venkatesh
Government Advocate

O R D E R

Mr.K.Venkatesh, learned Government Advocate (Tax) takes notice for the respondent. By consent, the main writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage.

2. The petitioner is aggrieved against the compounding notice dated 22.04.2017.

3. Heard both sides.

4. It is seen that the respondent detained the subject matter goods, based on certain reasons set out in the impugned proceedings.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not violated any rules and therefore, the impugned proceedings are bad in law. However, for the purpose of getting the goods released immediately so as to allow the same to reach its destination, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner will pay one time tax fixed and demanded by the respondent amounting to Rs.7,10,964/-, without

prejudice to their rights to agitate the matter before the competent revisional authority, challenging such imposition of one time tax and compounding fee. Therefore, he submitted that once the petitioner pays the one time tax, the respondent may be directed to release the goods immediately.

6. Learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent submitted that since the tax and the compounding fee liability have been arrived at, it is for the petitioner to work out their remedy before the Revisional Authority by challenging the impugned proceedings.

7. Upon hearing the learned counsel appearing on either side and considering the facts and circumstances of the case and more particularly, the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner would pay one time tax, however, without prejudice to their contention to be raised before the Revisional Authority, this Court is of the view that it would suffice for the present, to direct the respondent to release the goods on receipt of one time tax, amounting to Rs.7,10,064/-, however, by giving liberty to the petitioner to agitate the matter before the Revisional Authority against the very imposition of tax and compounding fee. On receipt of such payment of tax, the respondent shall forthwith release the goods. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

The Commercial Tax Officer,
Roving Squad-II, Enforcement (Central),
Chennai-600 006.

+lcc to a. Ravichandran, Advocate Sr.No.25534 (27/04/2017)
+lcc to the Special Government Pleader (Taxes), S.R.No.25456

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