THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION Nos.20770, 20776, 20791, 20805 and 20865 of 2019

COMMON ORDER:

Since the issue involved in these writ petitions is one and the same, they are clubbed together and are being disposed by this common order.

The grievance of the petitioners in all these writ petitions is, inaction of respondent Nos.2 and 3 in considering their representations said to have been submitted for grant of rebate on the property tax in terms of Sections 202 and 232 of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 (for short 'the Act').

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Standing Counsel for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

It may be noted that the Act provides for remission in property tax in case the property was not in occupation or vacant. In the present cases, the petitioners assert that the subject shops are vacant. It may also be noted Section 216 of the Act read with Section 232 and 234 of the Act provides for consideration of the cases of this nature and Section 237 of the Act provides for the method and manner of making an application for refund/concession.

As the petitioners had not paid the tax as on date, the respondent authorities shall consider the applications of the petitioners and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, expeditiously, after giving them an opportunity to place on record the relevant documents in support of their claim that the subject shops are vacant and they are not in occupation.

The writ petitions are accordingly disposed of.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in these writ petitions shall also stand disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

CHALLA KODANDA RAM, J

Dt:24.09.2019
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