

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION No. 21690 of 2019

ORDER:

Petitioner challenges the imposition of penalty on the property tax with respect to his premises bearing H.No.5-6-31, Dwarakanagar, Nizamabad.

It is the case of the petitioner that pursuant to the notice issued on 03.01.2018, he submitted a representation to the first respondent – Nizamabad Municipal Corporation, rep. by its Municipal Commissioner, Nizamabad, on 11.07.2019, for reviewing the property tax penalty. It is his grievance that the same is not being considered.

Learned Standing Counsel for Nizamabad Municipal Corporation appearing for the first respondent submits that as a matter of fact, after issuance of notice dated 03.01.2018, the petitioner approached the respondent authorities, who in turn, had explained to him with respect to the enhancement of property tax on account of his constructing ground + 2 floors and the tax amount is demanded as penalty in terms of the provisions of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955, particularly, Section 220-A, which provides for levy of hundred

percent of property tax as penalty. However, it is conceded that there was no written communication sent to the petitioner pursuant to his representation dated 11.07.2019.

In those circumstances, this Writ Petition is disposed of with the direction to the first respondent to communicate in writing to the petitioner the decision taken on his representation dated 11.07.2019 within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Miscellaneous Petitions, if any pending, shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

30th SEPTEMBER, 2019.

CHALLA KODANDA RAM, J

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