IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.10.2020

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.D. AUDIKESAVALU

W.P. No. 22798 of 2015

The Gingee Agriculture Producers
Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd (E.1564)
Rep. by its Secretary - V.Sathasivam
No.1, Subbu Street
Sirukadambur
Gingee - 604 202
Villupuram District. ... Petitioner

-vs-

The Commercial Tax Officer [FAC]
Gingee
Villupuram District. ... Respondent

Prayer:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records on the file of the Respondent in his impugned proceedings made in TIN 33664740070/2012-13 dated 09.10.2014 quash the same as illegal and contrary to the scheme of the Act.

For Petitioner : Mr. S.Rajasekar

For Respondent : Mrs. G.Dhanamadhiri
Government Advocate

O R D E R
(through video conference)

Heard Mr. S.Rajasekar, Learned Counsel for the Petitioner and Mrs. G.Dhana Madhiri, Learned Government Advocate (Taxes) for the Respondent, and perused the materials placed on record, apart from the pleadings of the parties.

2. The Respondent by Order in TIN 33664740070/2012-13 dated 09.10.2014 had rejected the application dated 12.09.2014 to revise the liability of tax for the assessment year 2012-13 under the Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Act, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as 'the TNVAT Act' for short) in respect of the Petitioner, who received the copy of that order on 10.10.2014. The Petitioner was entitled to prefer appeal against that order under Section 51 of TNVAT Act, within a period of 30

days from the date of its receipt before the Appellate Authority, who has been empowered to condone delay in filing such appeal for an extended period of 30 days, if sufficient cause for not preferring appeal within that period is made out. However, the Petitioner did not prefer any such appeal before the Appellate Authority, but has instead filed this Writ Petition on 27.07.2015 challenging the order passed by the Respondent beyond the maximum limitation period of 60 days from the date of receipt of copy of that order.

3. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Assistant Commissioner (CT) LTU, Kakinada -vs- Glaxo Smith Kline Consumer Health Care Limited (Order dated 06.05.2020 in Civil Appeal No. 2413 of 2020) has emphatically laid down that the High Court in the exercise of powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India ought not to entertain Writ Petition assailing the order passed by a Statutory Authority which was not appealed against within the maximum period of limitation before the concerned Appellate Authority. Having regard to that legal position, it is not possible for this Court to express any view on the correctness or otherwise on the merits of the controversy involved in the matter.

4. In the result, the Writ Petition, which cannot be entertained, is dismissed. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-VII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

The Commercial Tax Officer [FAC]
Gingee
Villupuram District.

+1cc to the Special Government Pleader(Taxes), S.R.No. 34136

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