

ORDER SHEET

WPO/963/2023
IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

KOLBER MERCANTILES PRIVATE LIMITED
VS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE MD. NIZAMUDDIN
Date: 4th May, 2023.

Appearance:
Mr. Subash Agarwal, Adv.
Mr. Brijesh Kumar Singh, Adv.
...For the Petitioner

Mrs. Smita Das De, Adv.
Mr. Prithu Dudhuria, Adv.
...For the Respondents

The Court : Heard learned advocates appearing for the parties.

In this writ petition, petitioner has challenged the impugned notice dated 24th March, 2023 relating to assessment year 2016-17 under Section 148A(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in the name of transferor company on the ground that the noticee has already been amalgamated on 26th October, 2022 with retrospective effect from 1st April 2021 and the department has been intimated about this amalgamation which is matters of record and such notice in the name of a non-existing company is not tenable in the eye of law since information of such amalgamation has already given to the respondent on 8th December, 2020 yet the Respondent concerned has not withdrawn the impugned notice.

In support of his contention Mr. Agarwal, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner has relied on a decision of the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court

in the case of **Takshashila Realities Pvt. Ltd. Versus Dy Commissioner of Income Tax** reported in 2016 SCC OnLine Guj 6462 and specifically relies on Paragraph 10 of the said judgment and also my own order dated 2nd August, 2021 in **WPA 1791 of 2020 (Brubeck Resources Pvt. Ltd. & Anr. Vs. Union of India & Ors.)**.

Considering the submissions of the parties, I am of the view that the impugned notice dated 24th March, 2023 (annexure P-3 to the writ petition) is not tenable in the eye of law and all further steps pursuant to the said impugned notices also are not tenable in the eye of law and the same are quashed. The writ petition is allowed and the impugned notices are quashed solely on the ground that the impugned notice was issued in the name of non-existing company. However, quashing of this notice will not prevent the respondents from issuing fresh notice in accordance with law.

Since no affidavits have been called for, allegations made in the writ petition are not deemed to have been denied by the respondents.

Accordingly, WPO 963 of 2023 is disposed of.

(MD. NIZAMUDDIN, J.)

