



W.P.No.31399 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 24.10.2024

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

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& W.M.P.Nos.34079 & 34080 of 2024

Pradeepa Enterprises,
Rep by its Proprietrix Mr.M.Chitra,
10/28, Tirumalai Street, Venkateswara Nagar,
Chennai 600 053.

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Deputy Commercial Tax Officer,
Tirumullaivoyal:Avadi:Tiruvallur,
Room No.115, 1st Floor,
Integrated Commercial Taxes Offices Building,
No.32, Elephant Gate Bridge Road, Vepery,
Chennai 600 003.

... Respondents

Prayer:

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India
praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records in DRC-07
Ref.No.ZD3306241204550/2018-19 dated 14.06.2024 and quash the



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same as arbitrary, illegal.

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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramanan

For Respondent : Mr.T.N.C.Kaushik,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned order dated 14.06.2024 passed by the respondent.

2. Mr.T.N.C.Kaushik, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice on behalf of the respondent. By consent of the parties, the main writ petition is taken up for disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that all notices/communications were uploaded by the respondent in the GST portal. Since the accountant of the petitioner was unwell, the petitioner was not aware of the said notices, due to which, they failed to file their reply within the time. Under these circumstances, the impugned order came to be passed by the respondent without providing any opportunity



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of personal hearing to the petitioner. Hence, this petition has been filed.

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4. On the other hand, the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondent would submit that the respondent has uploaded the notices in the GST Online Portal. But the petitioner failed to avail the said opportunity. Further, he has fairly admitted that no opportunity of personal hearing was provided to the petitioner prior to the passing of impugned order. Therefore, he requested this Court to remit the matter back to the respondent.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondent and also perused the materials available on record.

6. In the case on hand, it is clear that no opportunity of personal hearing was provided to the petitioner prior to the passing of impugned order. Hence, this Court is of the view that the impugned order was passed in violation of principles of natural justice since it is just and necessary to provide an opportunity to the petitioner to establish their



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case on merits. In such view of the matter, this Court is inclined to set aside the impugned order dated 14.06.2024 passed by the respondent.

Accordingly, this Court passes the following order:-

(i) The impugned order dated 14.06.2024 is set aside and the matter is remanded to the respondent for fresh consideration.

(ii) The petitioner shall file their reply/objection along with the required documents, if any, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

(iii) On filing of such reply/objection by the petitioner, the 1st respondent shall consider the same and issue a 14 days clear notice, by fixing the date of personal hearing, to the petitioner and thereafter, pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, after hearing the petitioner, as expeditiously as possible.

7. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.



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