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W.P.No.37086 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.12.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

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and

W.M.P.Nos.40069 and 40070 of 2024

Tvl.Murugappa Water Technology
and Solutions Private Limited,
Represented by its Authorized Signatory,
Mr.G.Prasanna,
1A and 1B Electrical Industrial Estate,
Kakkalur, Tiruvallur,
Tamil Nadu-602003

..Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Assistant Commissioner (ST),
Tiruvallur Assessment Circle,
Integrated CT Building,
No.4/109, Chennai Bangalore Highways,
Varadharajapuram, Nazarathpet,
Chennai-600 123.

2.The Deputy State Tax Officer,
Tiruvallur Assessment Circle,
Integrated CT Building No.4/109,
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Chennai-600 123.



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3.The Deputy Commissioner (ST),
GST Appeal-I,
Room No.210, Greams Road,
Chennai-600 006.

4.Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited,
Capitale Ground Floor,
555, Anna Salai,
Chennai -600 018.

..Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of impugned appellate order in ZD331024199009H dated 25.10.2024 passed by the third respondent and ZD331023007394 dated 03.10.2023 passed by the second respondent and quash the same as arbitrary, without jurisdiction and void and pass orders.

For Petitioner : Ms.M.N.Bharathi

For Respondent : Ms.Amrita Dinakaran
Government Advocate
for respondents 1 to 3

ORDER

The present Writ Petition is filed challenging the impugned order passed by the first respondent dated 03.10.2023 relating to the assessment year 2017-18.



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2. The petitioner is a registered dealer under Goods and Services Act, 2017. During the relevant period, the petitioner had filed its return and paid appropriate taxes. On scrutiny of the monthly returns, it was found that there was mismatch between GSTR 3B and GSTR 1.

2.1. Pursuant thereto, a notice in ASMT-10 was issued to the petitioner on 25.08.2023, followed by a show cause notice in DRC 01 on 31.08.2023. The petitioner filed its reply on 21.09.2023. However, the same was not considered and the impugned order came to be passed, confirming the proposal. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner had filed an appeal and the appeal has been rejected on the ground of barred by limitation.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would place reliance upon the recent judgment of this Court in the case of *M/s.K.Balakrishnan, Balu Cables vs. O/o. the Assistant Commissioner of GST & Central Excise in W.P.(MD)No.11924 of 2024 dated 10.06.2024*. It was further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to pay 25% of the disputed tax. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that they have already remitted



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the entire disputed tax and they may be granted one final opportunity before the adjudicating authority to put forth their objections to the proposal, to which, the learned Government Advocate appearing for respondents 1 to 3 does not have any serious objection, while seeking liberty to verify the correctness of the statement relating to remittance made by the petitioner.

4. By consent of parties, the writ petition stands disposed of on the following terms:

- a) The impugned order dated 03.10.2023 is set aside
- b) The petitioner shall deposit 25% of the disputed taxes as admitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner and respondents 1 to 3, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
- c) If any amount has been recovered or paid out of the disputed taxes, including by way of pre-deposit in appeal, the same would be reduced/adjusted, from/towards the 25% of disputed taxes directed to be paid. The assessing authority shall then intimate the balance amount out of 25 % of disputed taxes to be paid, if any, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The petitioner shall deposit such remaining sum within a period of three



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weeks from such intimation.

d) The entire exercise of verification of payment, if any, intimation of the balance sums, if any, to be paid for compliance with the direction of payment of 25% of the disputed taxes, after deducting the sums already paid and payment by the petitioner of the balance amount, if any, on intimation in compliance of the above direction, shall be completed within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

e) Failure to comply with the above condition viz., payment of 25% of disputed taxes within the stipulated period i.e., four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order shall result in restoration of the impugned order.

f) If there is any recovery by way of attachment of Bank account or garnishee proceedings, the same shall be lifted /withdrawn on complying with the above condition viz., payment of 25 % of the disputed taxes.

g) On complying with the above condition, the impugned order of assessment shall be treated as show cause notice and the petitioner shall submit its objections within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order along with supporting documents/material. If any such objections are filed, the same shall be considered by the respondent authority and orders shall be



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passed in accordance with law after affording a reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. It is made clear that if the above conditions viz., 25% of disputed taxes is not complied or objections are not filed within the stipulated period, four weeks respectively from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, the impugned order of assessment shall stand restored.

5. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking (or) Non Speaking Order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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