



W.P. No.35226 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.09.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

W.P. No.35226 of 2025 and
W.M.P. Nos.39439 and 39440 of 2025

Subramaniam Srinivasan
Sole Proprietor of Sri Kamatchi Metal Mart Agencies
Son of Subramanian,
6, Bava Complex, V.P.Main Road,
Gobichettipalayam, Erode-638 452.

...Petitioner(s)

vs.

The Commercial Tax Officer,
Office of the Assistant Commissioner (ST),
Gobichettipalayam Assessment Circle,
D.No.144, Palavakalipalayam,
Gobichettipalayam-638 476.

...Respondent(s)

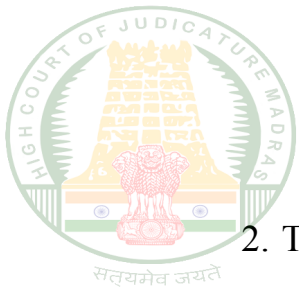
PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari calling for the records in Reference No.ZD330225197955Z dated 20.02.2025 under Section 73 of the TNGST Act, 2017 along with a summary of the order dated 20.02.2025 in Reference No.ZD330225197955Z on the file of the respondent relating to F.Y.2020-21 and quash the same.

For Petitioner(s) : Ms.N.Janani

For Respondent(s) : Mr.T.N.C.Kaushik
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

By consent of learned counsel on both sides, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



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2. The present writ petition is filed challenging the impugned order dated 20.02.2025 relating to the assessment year 2020-21.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for petitioner that petitioner is a sugar confectionary and is registered under the Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. During the relevant period 2020-21, petitioner filed their returns and paid appropriate taxes. However, on verification of the returns the following discrepancies were *inter-alia* noticed:

- i) Excess claim of ITC and
- ii) GSTR-1 late fee.

4. Pursuant thereto, a show cause notice in DRC-01 was issued on 25.11.2024 , followed by three reminder notices dated 13.01.2025, 24.01.2025 and 05.02.2025. Petitioner filed their reply on 04.02.2025, however, the impugned order was thus passed confirming the proposal. It is submitted by the learned counsel for petitioner that neither the show cause notices nor the impugned order of assessment has been served on the petitioner by tender or sending it by RPAD, instead it had been uploaded under “view additional notices and orders” tab on the GST Portal, thereby, petitioner was unaware of the impugned proceedings and was thus unable to participate in the adjudication proceedings. It is submitted by the learned counsel for petitioner that they were



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unable to produce the documents in support of their reply and would submit that

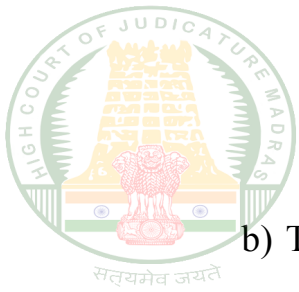
if provided with an opportunity, they would be able to explain the alleged discrepancies.

5. 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*, to submit that this court has remanded the matter back in similar circumstances subject to payment of 25% of the disputed taxes.

6. It was further submitted that petitioner is ready and willing to pay 25% of the disputed tax and that they may be granted one final opportunity before the adjudicating authority to put forth their objections to the proposal, to which the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondent does not have any serious objection.

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

a) The impugned order dated 20.02.2025 is set aside.



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b) The petitioner shall deposit 25% of the disputed taxes as agreed to by both the learned counsel for the petitioner and the respondent, within a period of four weeks from the date of uploading of web copy without waiting for the receipt of the certified copy.

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 uploading of web copy without waiting for the receipt of the certified copy. The petitioner shall deposit such remaining sum within a period of three weeks from such intimation.

d) 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 uploading of web copy of this order, shall result in restoration of the impugned order.

e) 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.

f) On complying with the above condition, the impugned order of assessment shall be treated as show cause notice and the petitioner shall submit



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its objections within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of compliance of the conditions relating to deposit in Clause (b) and (c) supra, along with supporting documents/material. If any such objections are filed, the same shall be considered by the respondent and orders shall be 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., payment of 25% of disputed taxes is not complied or objections are not filed within the stipulated time as stated above the impugned order of assessment shall stand restored.

8. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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