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WP No. 38292 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE C. SARAVANAN

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AND

WMP NO. 42811 OF 2025, WMP NO. 42813 OF 2025

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Represented by its HUF, Mr. Jaswant
Jangid No.23, A Block, Royal Castle,
Thiruverkadu Main Road, Mel
Ayanambakkam, Chennai 600095

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Deputy State Tax Officer
Nolambur Assessment Circle, No 353,
3rd Floor, Integrated commercial Taxes
Building, Nandanam Chennai 600 035

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

call for the records of the respondent in GSTIN 33AAGHJ5781F1Z8/2019-20
dated 16.08.2024 and quash the same and pass s

For Petitioner : Mr. R. Kumar

For Respondent : Mr. TNC Kaushik
Additional Government Pleader



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ORDER

Mr. TNC Kaushik, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for the Respondent.

2. This Writ Petition is being disposed of at the time of admission after hearing the learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Additional Government Pleader for the Respondent following the consistent view taken by this Court under similar circumstances.

3. In this Writ Petition, the Petitioner has challenged the impugned Assessment Order dated 16.08.2024 which precedes a Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 26.03.2024 for the Tax Period between April 2019 and March 2020.

4. The Petitioner has approached this Court long after the expiry of the limitation period prescribed both for filing an appeal against the impugned



Assessment Order dated 16.08.2024 and to rectify the same under Section 161 of the respective GST enactments.

5. Reading of the impugned Assessment Order dated 16.08.2024 indicates that the Petitioner has not participated in the assessment proceedings by filing a reply to the Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 26.03.2024 and therefore, the demand has been confirmed against the Petitioner.

6. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner be given one chance to substantiate the case. The demand has been confirmed against the Petitioner merely because the Petitioner failed to respond to the Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 26.03.2024.

7. The learned Additional Government Pleader for the Respondent on the other hand would submit that this Writ Petition is devoid of merits and is liable to be dismissed in the light of the decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Singh Enterprises Vs. Commissioner of Central Excise, Jamshedpur and**



others, (2008) 3 SCC 70 and in Commissioner of Customs and Central

Excise Vs. Hongo India Private Limited and another, (2009) 5 SCC 791 and

also in Assistant Commissioner (CT) LTU, Kakinada and others Vs. Glaxo

Smith Kline Consumer Health Care Limited, 2020 SCC Online SC 440.

8. That apart, it is submitted that the Petitioner has not substantiated the case with any documents and therefore, on this count also, this Writ Petition is liable to be dismissed.

9. It is noticed that under similar circumstances, this Court has come to the rescue of the persons like the Petitioner by quashing the impugned Assessment Order on terms subject to the Petitioner depositing 50% of the disputed tax. I do not find any extenuating reason to take a different stand in this case.

10. Having considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader for the Respondent and having considered the consistent view taken by this Court



under similar circumstances, this Court is inclined to come to the partial rescue of the Petitioner by quashing the impugned Assessment Order dated 16.08.2024 and remitting the case back to the Respondent to pass a fresh order *de novo* subject to the Petitioner depositing 50% of the disputed tax in cash from the Petitioner's Electronic Cash Register within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

11. The Petitioner shall file a reply contemporaneously to the Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 26.03.2024 together with requisite documents to substantiate the case by treating the impugned Assessment Order dated 16.08.2024 as an addendum to the Show Cause Notice dated 26.03.2024 within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

12. In case the Petitioner complies with the above stipulated conditions, the Respondent shall proceed to pass a fresh order *de novo* on merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of three (3) months thereafter. Subject to the Petitioner complying with the above stipulated conditions, the attachment of the bank account of the Petitioner shall



also stand raised, if any.

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13. In case the Petitioner fails to comply with any of the conditions stipulated above, the Respondent is at liberty to proceed against the Petitioner in accordance with law as if this Writ Petition was dismissed *in limine* today. Thereafter, it is for the Respondent to take steps against the Petitioner to recover the tax that has been confirmed in the impugned Assessment Order.

14. Needless to state, before passing any such order, the Respondent shall give due notice to the Petitioner.

15. It is made clear that the Petitioner shall co-operate with the Respondent in the *de novo* proceedings.

16. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above observations. No costs. Connected Writ Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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