IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE C. SARAVANAN

WP No. 42452 of 2025
AND
WMP NO. 47486 OF 2025,WMP NO. 47489 OF 2025

1. Mc Medibio Life Science Private Limited
Rep by its Director, New No. 4, Old No. 29, Letangs Road, Chennai 600 007
Tamil Nadu

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commercial Tax Officer
Purasawakkam Central II Assessment Circle, No.1, Greams Road, chennai-06.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

calling for the records relating to the impugned order in Form DRC-07 vide Ref. No. ZD331024111998G dated 17.10.2024 passed by the Respondent under Section 73 of the CGST / TNGST Act, 2017, and quash the same, and consequently direct the Appellate Authority to hear the appeal filed by the Petitioner on merits.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.Ask Law Firm

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For Respondent: Ms. Amirtha Poonkodi Dinakaran
Government Advocate

ORDER

Ms. Amirtha Poonkodi Dinakaran, learned Government Advocate takes notice for the Respondent.

2. This Writ Petition is being disposed of at the time of admission with the consent of the learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Government Advocate for the Respondent.

3. In this Writ Petition, the Petitioner has challenged the impugned Order in FORM GST DRC-07 dated 17.10.2024 of the Respondent, which was preceded by a Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 02.03.2024 for the tax period between April 2020 and March 2021, wherein the Petitioner was also called upon to appear for personal hearing.

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4. The Petitioner however did not file any reply to the Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 02.03.2024. Thus, the impugned Order has been passed.

5. The learned Government Advocate 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.***

6. 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.

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7. Under similar circumstances, Orders have been quashed and cases have been remitted back to pass a fresh order on terms subject to such Assessee depositing 25% to 100% of the disputed tax depending upon the length of delay in approaching the Court. I do not find any reason to take a different view in this case.

8. Therefore, to balance the interest of both parties viz., the Assessee and the Revenue, the case is remitted back to the Respondent to pass a fresh order subject to the Petitioner depositing 25% 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.

9. Within such time, the Petitioner shall also file a reply to the Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 02.03.2024 together with requisite documents to substantiate the case by treating the impugned Order dated 17.10.2024 as an addendum to the Show Cause Notice dated 02.03.2024.

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10. Amount which has already recovered from the Petitioner shall be adjusted towards pre-deposit of 25% of the disputed tax as ordered above. This will be however subject to verification by the Respondent.

11. In case the Petitioner complies with the above stipulations, the Respondent shall proceed to pass a final order on merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of three (3) months of such reply/pre-deposit. Subject to the Petitioner complying with the above stipulations, the attachment of the bank account of the Petitioner shall also stand automatically raised/vacated.

12. In case the Petitioner fails to comply with any of the stipulations, the Respondent is at liberty to proceed against the Petitioner to recover the tax in accordance with law as if this Writ Petition was dismissed *in limine* today.

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

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14. It is made clear that recovery of 25% of the disputed tax ordered above pertains only to the impugned Order dated 17.10.2024.

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

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Index:Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Internet:Yes
Neutral Citation:Yes/No

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