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W.P.No.46479 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

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and

W.M.P.Nos.51826 and 51828 of 2025

M K Traders,
Represented by its Proprietor,
Sumathi.

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Deputy State Tax Officer,
Thirumullaivoyal Assessment Circle,
No.32, Room No.114, 1st Floor,
Tiruvallur Division,
Integrated Commercial Taxes Office Building,
Elephant Gate Bridge Road,
Chennai – 600 003.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records of impugned order under Section 73 dated 24.04.2024 having reference No.ZD3304241868940



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passed by the respondent for the financial year 2018-2019 and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Suresh

For Respondent : Mr.C.Harsharaj
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

Mr.C.Harsharaj, learned Special Government Pleader takes notice for the Respondent.

2. This Writ Petition is being disposed of at the stage of admission itself with the consent of the learned counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader for the Respondent.



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3. In this Writ Petition, the Petitioner has challenged the impugned Order dated 24.04.2024, which was preceded by a Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 23.12.2023 wherein the Petitioner was called upon to appear for personal hearing. However, the Petitioner had not taken advantage of the same and thus, suffered the impugned Order dated 24.04.2024.

4. The Petitioner was also issued with Reminder on 02.04.2024, which called upon the Petitioner to file a reply and to appear for a personal hearing. The Petitioner however neither filed any reply nor appeared for the personal hearing fixed on 04.04.2024. Thus, the impugned Orders have been passed.

5. It is noticed that the limitation for filing an appeal under Section 107 of the respective GST enactments, 2017 against the impugned Order has already expired. The present Writ Petition has been filed only on 24.11.2025.



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6. Under similar circumstances, Orders have been quashed and cases have been remitted back to the Respondent 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.

7. 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 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.

8. Within such time, the Petitioner shall also file a reply to the Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 23.12.2023 together with requisite documents to substantiate the case by treating the impugned Order dated 24.04.2024 as an addendum to the Show Cause Notice dated 23.12.2023.



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9. 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 vacated.

10. It is made clear that bank attachment shall be lifted subject to the deposit of 50% of the disputed tax as ordered above and no other amount is in arrears barring the amount demanded under the impugned Order.

11. 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.



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

13. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above observations.

No costs. Connected Writ Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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