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W.P.No.9151 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.03.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C. SARAVANAN

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and

W.M.P.Nos.9882 & 9883 of 2026

P.Andiappan

...Petitioner

Vs.

Deputy State Tax Officer-1,
(Also known as Deputy Commercial Tax Officer),
Mettur Assessment Circle,
Mettur, Salem.

...Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records on the files of the Respondent herein in FORM GST DRC-07 with Reference No.ZD330225003668L in GSTIN:33AFDPA1723N1ZU/2020-21 dated 01.02.2025 and quash the same

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Chandirasekar

For Respondent : Mrs.K.Vasanthamala
Government Advocate



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ORDER

Mrs.K.Vasanthamala, learned Government Advocate 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 Government Advocate for the Respondent.

3. In this Writ Petition, the Petitioner has challenged the impugned Order dated 01.02.2025, which was preceded by a Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 30.09.2024 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 01.02.2025.

4. The Petitioner was also issued with Reminders on 09.12.2024, 11.01.2025 and 23.01.2025, which called upon the Petitioner to file a reply and to appear for a personal hearing. The Petitioner however neither filed



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any reply nor appeared for the personal hearing fixed on 16.12.2024, 20.01.2025 and 25.01.2025. Thus, the impugned Order has 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 03.03.2026.

6. At this stage, the learned counsel for the petitioner, who appears through video conferencing, submitted that the petitioner is willing to pre-deposit 25% of the disputed tax as a condition for consideration of the matter afresh. It is further submitted that upon such pre-deposit being made, the impugned order may be set aside and the matter may be remitted back to the respondent for denovo adjudication, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and permitting the petitioner to place all relevant materials on record.



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7. 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.

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 on merits subject to the Petitioner depositing 25% of the disputed tax in cash or 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 30.09.2024 together with requisite documents to substantiate the case by treating the impugned Order dated 01.02.2025 as an addendum to the Show Cause Notice dated 30.09.2024.



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10. 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 if any, shall also stand automatically vacated.

11. It is made clear that bank attachment shall be lifted subject to the Petitioner depositing 25% of the disputed tax as ordered above and the Petitioner not being in arrears of any other amount for any other tax period barring the amount demanded under the impugned Order.

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.



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

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

No costs. Connected Writ Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No



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To:

The Assistant Commissioner (ST) (FAC),
Hosur (South) 3 Assessment Circle,
Integrated Commercial Tax Building,
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Old Bus Stand, Hosur – 635 109.



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