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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-03-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE C. SARAVANAN

WP No. 10143 of 2026

and

WMP NOs. 10954 & 10956 of 2026

Mohamed Arif
S/o.Mohammed Meyan, Partner of
M/s.Asian Tin Containers, New No.43,
Old No.14, Adam Street, Royapuram,
Chennai-013.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Assistant State Commissioner (ST)
(FAC),
Office of the Assistant Commissioner,
Royapuram Assessment Circle, North-
II, Chennai North, Integrate
Commercial Taxes Office Complex,
Room No.226,2nd Floor, No.32,
Elephant Gate Bridge Road,
Vepery, Chennai-600 003.

Respondent(s)

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 the Impugned Order Reference No.ZD330925195498N dated 17.09.2025 passed by the Respondent and quash the same and consequentially direct the Respondent to provide the Petitioner with an opportunity of fresh hearing.



For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Sathish Kumar

For Respondent: Mrs.K.Vasanthamala
Government Advocate

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 17.09.2025, which was preceded by a Show Cause Notice in Ref.No.ZD330425223637G dated 30.04.2024, 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 17.09.2025

4. 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 10.03.2026.



5. At this stage, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is willing to pre-deposit 25% of the disputed tax as a condition for *denovo* adjudication.

6. The learned counsel for the Petitioner has also made an following endorsement to that effect in the Court bundle which has been extracted hereunder:-

“The Petitioner has ready to deposit 25% tax amount”.

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 Show Cause Notice in Ref.No.ZD330425223637G dated 30.04.2024, together with requisite documents to substantiate the case by treating the impugned Order dated 17.09.2025 as an addendum to the Show Cause Notice dated 30.04.2024.

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.



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

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

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