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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 42824 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012439132026}

AND

WMP NO. 48140 OF 2026,WMP NO. 48141 OF 2026

Palanisamy Contractor
Rep. by its proprietor PALANISAMY,
SF No. 15/17A, Sarvarajanpettai, Kattumannarkoil,
Cuddalore 608 303

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Deputy Commissioner (Appeals)
   Office at Vellore Trichy (GST)
   No. 4, Barathiyar Salai, Fort Round Road,
   Vellore 632 001
2. The State Tax Officer,
   Chidambaram-II Assessment Circle
   Commercial Tax Building, C-Mutlur Chennai
   Bypass Road,
   Chidambaram 608 102

..Respondent(s)

The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records relating to the rejection of the appeal dated 30.09.2026 bearing reference No. AD330926057036Z passed by the 1st Respondent against the order dated 09.06.2026 bearing Reference No. ZD330626084999J issued by the 2nd Respondent and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary, non-speaking and violative of the principles of natural justice and consequently direct the 1st Respondent to admitting the appeal as to dispose it on merits as in accordance with law.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Nithyan

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For Respondent(s): Ms.Amirtapoonkodi Dinakaran, Additional Government Pleader (Taxes)

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This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the mechanical rejection of the petitioner's statutory appeal, which was filed online on 30.09.2026.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the appeal was preferred against the fresh adjudication order dated 09.06.2026. The appeal was rejected within minutes of its online filing on the sole ground that an authorization letter was not furnished with the online application. Aggrieved by the said rejection, the petitioner has approached this Court.

3. The learned counsel further submitted that the appeal was filed by the proprietor of the firm himself, namely Samidurai Palanisamy. He contended that when the proprietor files an appeal in his individual capacity, the question of furnishing an authorization letter does not arise, and therefore, the impugned order is liable to be quashed.

4. In reply, the learned Additional Government Pleader (Taxes) appearing for the respondents submitted that in the present case, the applicant's name was mentioned simply as Samidurai Palanisamy, without specifying that he is the

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authorized representative or proprietor of the firm. He further submitted that had the applicant's name been mentioned along with his designation as the proprietor, the appeal would not have been returned and the respondents would have entertained it.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the view that if the petitioner, while filing the online appeal, had mentioned his name along with the proprietorship, the rejection would not have arisen. However, he failed to do so. Therefore, this Court directs the petitioner to re-present the online appeal within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, by explicitly mentioning the name of the applicant as "Samidurai Palanisamy, Proprietor of M/s. Palanisamy Contractor". Upon such re-presentation, the respondents shall accept the appeal on merits without insisting upon a separate authorization letter.

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above observation.

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