



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.01.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

W.P.No.1019 of 2026

and

W.M.P.Nos.1196 & 1197 of 2026

S.M.Traders
Represented by its Proprietor
K.Karthic Rajan
No.111, 42, K.H.Road, Aynavaram,
Chennai – 600 023.

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Assistant Commissioner (ST)(FAC),
Purasawakkam Assessment Circle,
No.1, PAPJM Annex Building, 3rd Floor,
Greams Road, Chennai – 600 006.

... 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 on the file of the Respondent relating to the impugned order passed in Reference No.ZD331225047310Z in GSTIN/ID : 33GHOPK8769M1Z9 dated 03.12.2025 for F.Y. 2021-22, and to quash the same as illegal, and in violation of the principles of natural justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Senthil Kumar

For Respondent : Mrs.P.Selvi,
Government Advocate.



ORDER

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Mrs.P.Selvi, 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 03.12.2025, which was preceded by a Show Cause Notice in GST DRC-01 dated 26.09.2025 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 03.12.2025.

4. The Petitioner was also issued with Reminders on 06.11.2025 and 13.11.2025, 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 10.11.2025 & 17.11.2025. Thus, the impugned Order has been passed.



5. It is noticed that the petitioner filed this present Writ Petition on 19.12.2025, which is within the period of limitation for filing an appeal under Section 107 of the respective GST enactments, 2017 against the impugned Order.

6. At this stage, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is willing to pre-deposit 10% of the disputed tax as a condition for *denovo* adjudication.

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 10% 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 and considering the fact that the present Writ Petition was filed within the period of limitation for filing an appeal, the case is remitted back to the Respondent to pass a fresh order on merits subject to the Petitioner depositing 10% 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 26.09.2025 together with requisite documents to substantiate the case by treating the impugned Order dated 03.12.2025 as an addendum to the Show Cause Notice dated 26.09.2025.

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 shall also stand automatically vacated.

11. It is made clear that bank attachment shall be lifted subject to the Petitioner depositing 10% 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.

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

22.01.2026

Neutral Citation: Yes / No
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To:

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