समस्त जोनल एडीशनल कमिश्नर ग्रेड-1/ एडीशनल कमिश्नर ग्रेड-2(वि०अनु०शा०)/ ज्वाइण्ट कमिश्नर(वि०अनु०शा०) वाणिज्य कर.उत्तर प्रदेश।

विषय:-रिट टैक्स संख्या-1299/2019 सर्वश्री बजरंग लूमटेक्स एवं दो अन्य बनाम उ०प्र0सरकार व 3 अन्य के सम्बन्ध में।

कृपया उपरोक्त विषयक एडीशनल कमिश्नर ग्रेड-1(उ०न्या०कार्य)वाणिज्य कर प्रयागराज के पत्र संख्या-4262 दिनांक 11.12.2020 का संदर्भ लेने का कष्ट करें, जिसके साथ प्रश्नगत मामले में मा०उच्च न्यायालय इलाहाबाद द्वारा पारित निर्णय दिनांक 09:12:2019 की प्रति आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु संलग्न कर प्रेषित की गयी है। प्रकरण सचल दल इकाइयों द्वारा व्यापारियों से जमा कराये जाने वाली धनराशि से सम्बन्धित है। जिसका निर्णय निम्नवत है:-

Having heard the learned advocates for the parties and upon perusing the instant writ petition, we are of the view that in the fact and circumstances of the instant case, subject to the writ petitioner's complying with thr formalities in terms of sub-rule(4) of rule 87 of the Uttar Pradesh Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017, the respondent no. 4 shall release the Jervice Tax Ar goods vehicle in question.

इसी प्रकार रिट टैक्स संख्या-304/2020 सर्वश्री सोहन लाल कमोडिटी मैनेजमेंट प्रा0लि0 एप्ड अदर्स बनाम स्टैट आफ यू०पी० थ्रू इट्स प्रिसिपल सेकेटरी(टैक्स एण्ड इस्टीटियूसनल फाइनेन्स)एण्ड 6 अदर्श मे दिनांक 02.6.2020 को मा० न्यायालय द्वारा निम्नवत् आदेश दिये गर्येः-

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is finally disposed of with a direction to the petitioners to make an appropriate application/representation before the concerned authority under the relevant provision of the Act, 2017 ventilating their grievances along with a certified copy of this order enclosing there with a certified copy of the writ petition and its Annexures and, if any such application/representation is filed, the concerned authority shall make all endeavour to consider and decide the same by a reasoned and speaking order, after affording opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioners, in accordance with law

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expeditously preferably within two weeks from the date of receipt of the said application.

प्रश्नगत प्रकरणों में प्राप्त मा० उच्च न्यायालय इलाहाबाद के उक्त निर्णयों दिनांक 09.12.2019 तथा दिनांक 02.06.2020 की प्रति आपको इस आशय से संलग्न कर प्रेषित की जा रही है कि उक्त निर्णयों से भलीभाँति अवगत हो लें तथा उक्त के आधार पर नियमानुसार आवश्यक कार्यवाही कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक-उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय.

(राम सजीवन मिश्रा) ज्वाइन्ट कमिश्नर (वाद) वाणिज्य कर, मुख्यालय, लखनऊ

पृष्ठांकन पत्र संख्या व दिनांक उक्त।

प्रतिलिपि-1-समस्त सचल दल अधिकारी वाणिज्य कर उत्तर प्रदेश को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेत् प्रेषित।

2-डिप्टी कमिश्नर(आई0टी0)अनुभाग वाणिज्य कर, मुख्यालय को वेवसाईट पर प्रकाशनार्थ।

यंत्राचन - उपरीक्तान्यार।

ज्वाइन्ट कमिश्नर (वाद) वाणिज्य कर, म्ख्यालय, लखनऊ

In Chamber

Case: - WRIT TAX No. - 304 of 2020

Petitioner: - Sohan Lal Commodity Management

Pvt. Ltd. And Another

Respondent :- State Of U.P. Through Its

Principal Secretary (Tax And Institutional

Finance) And 6 Others

Counsel for Petitioner: - Rahul Agarwal

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.

Hon'ble Shashi Kant Gupta,J. Hon'ble Saurabh Shyam Shamshery,J.

This writ petition has bee filed, interalia, for the following prayers:

- "(a) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of certiorari quashing the proceedings pursuant to the search and seizure operation carried out at the warehouse of the petitioner no. 1 on 13.09.2019 at Chandausi and on 13.09.2019 and 28.02.2020 at Barabanki (Annexure-1 and 2 to the writ petition).
- (a-i) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent no. 2 to transfer the adjudication of the case to an independent officer, who should not be an officer of the Moradabad and Ayodhya Zones of State GST.
- (a-ii) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of directing the respondent to not to take any coercive action against any officer, employee and director of the company till the time the proceeding is ongoing.
- (b) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent to release all the documents, assets and other material seized by them on 13.09.2019 at Chandausi and on 13.09.2019 and 28.02.2020 at Barabanki."

The Court convened through Video Conferencing.

Heard Shri Rahul Agarwal, learned counsel for the petitioners, Shri Manish Goyal, learned Senior Advocate/Additional Advocate General assisted by Shri B.K. Pandey, learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the State and perused the material available on record.

During course of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioners confined his prayer only with respect to prayer no. (b) in the writ petition.

At the very outset, Shri Manish Goyal, learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the State has placed before us the judgment and order dated 22nd November, 2019 passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the Case of *The State of Uttar Pradesh & Others Versus M/S Kay Pan Fragrance Pvt. Ltd in Civil Appeal No. 8941 of 2019* wherein the Apex Court has interalia observed as follows:-

"There is no reason why any other indulgence need be shown to the assessees, who happen to be the owners of the seized goods. They must take recourse to the mechanism already provided for in the Act and the Rules for release, on a provisional basis, upon execution of a bond and furnishing of a security, in such manner and of such quantum (even upto the total value of goods involved), respectively, as may be prescribed or on payment of applicable taxes, interest and penalty payable, as the case may be, as predicated in Section 67 (6) of the Act. In the interim orders passed by the High Court which are subjectmatter of assail before this Court, the High Court has erroneously extricated the assessees concerned from paying the applicable tax amount in cash, which is contrary to the said provision.

In our opinion, therefore, the orders passed by the High Court which are contrary to the stated provisions shall not be given effect to by the authorities. Instead, the authorities shall process the claims of the concerned assessee afresh as per the express stipulations in <u>Section 67</u> of the Act read with the relevant rules in that regard. In terms of this order, the competent authority shall call upon every assessee to complete the formality strictly as per the requirements of the stated

provisions disregarding the order passed by the High Court in his case, if the same deviates from the statutory compliances. That be done within four weeks without any exception.

We reiterate that any order passed by the High Court which is contrary to the stated provisions need not be given effect to in respect of all the cases referred in the affidavit by the State Government before this Court and fresh cases which may have been filed or likely to be filed before the High Court in connection with the subject matter of these appeals, by all concerned and are deemed to have been set aside/modified in terms of this order.

In view of this order, all the Writ Petitions pending before the High Court, list whereof has been furnished in the affidavit are deemed to have been disposed of accordingly. We have passed this common order to cover all cases of seizure during the relevant period, to obviate inconsistency in application of Law and also to do away with multiple appeals required to be filed by the State/ assessee to assail the unstatable orders/directions passed by the High Court in subject writ petition(s) referred to in the affidavit filed by the State before this Court.

Accordingly, the appeals are disposed of in the afore stated terms. All pending applications are also disposed of."

Shri Manish Goyal, learned Addl. Advocate General has submitted that the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 provides a complete procedure for release of such goods, as contained in Section 67 of the Act read with Rule 141 of the relevant Rules. It has been further submitted by him that the petitioners should have approached the appropriate authority under Uttar Pradesh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (in short "the Act") to ventilate their grievance.

Per contra, learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that "Mentha Oil" has been seized in the matter which is perishable in nature but the concerned authority has not yet exercised its power under Section 67 of the Act (in short "the Act, 2017").

While rebutting the contention made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Standing Counsel has stated that "Mentha Oil" is not perishable in nature and it has not been included in the schedule contained in the Notification dated 13th June, 2018 issued by Government of India.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is finally disposed of with a direction to the petitioners to make an appropriate application/representation before the concerned authority under the relevant provision of the Act, 2017 ventilating their grievances along with a certified copy of this order enclosing therewith a copy of the writ petition and its Annexures and, if any such application/representation is filed, the concerned authority shall make all endeavour to consider and decide the same by a reasoned and speaking order, after affording opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioners, in accordance with law expeditiously preferably within two weeks from the date of receipt of the said application.

Order Date: - 2.6.2020

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Court No. - 7

Case :- WRIT TAX No. - 1299 of 2019

Petitioner: M/S Bajrang Loomtex And 2 Others
Respondent: State Of U.P. And 3 Others
Counsel for Petitioner: Suyash Agarwal, Ankur Agarwal
Counsel for Respondent: C.S.C., A.S.G.I., Anant Kumar
Tiwari

Hon'ble Biswanath Somadder, J. Hon'ble Ajay Bhanot, J.

Having heard the learned advocates for the parties and upor perusing the instant writ petition, we are of the view that in the facts and circumstances of the instant case, subject to the write petitioner's complying with the formalities in terms of sub-rule (4) of Rule 87 of the Uttar Pradesh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, the respondent no. 4 shall release the goods and wehicle in question.

The writ pention stands disposed of accordingly

Order Date :- 9.12.2019 Ravi / Ashish

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