ITEM NO.45 COURT NO.4 SECTION XV

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 3839/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 05-02-2020 in DBCWP No. 1805/2020 passed by the High Court Of Judicature For Rajasthan At Jodhpur)

UNION OF INDIA Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

TAX BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No.24889/2020-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.24894/2020-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date: 10-02-2020 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHINTON FALI NARIMAN HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. RAVINDRA BHAT

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Tushar Mehta, SG

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Mr. Prateek Gattani, Adv.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following O R D E R $\,$

We do not intend to interfere with the order passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan, Jodhpur. However, we only stay that part of the order which has extended the deadline for submitting the returns. This is on the basis of Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General's statement to this Court that only Rs.

200/- per day is being charged for the filing of late returns beyond 12.02.2020. He has also assured us that the authorities, both under the Central as well as State Acts, will not invoke any penal powers in this behalf.

We have been informed by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents that the capacity for on-line processing of GST applications is extremely limited. The applications being far more in number, we direct the petitioner to look into this problem and come out with a solution in accordance with the aforesaid capacity as soon as is practicable.

We do not intend by this ad-hoc order to at all interfere with what the High Court may ultimately do on the facts of this case.

The Special Leave Petition is disposed of accordingly.

Pending applications also stand disposed of.

(R. NATARAJAN)
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(NISHA TRIPATHI) BRANCH OFFICER