

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION (ST) NO.10639 OF 2021

Suresh Kumar Lakhotia ... Petitioner
Vs.
National e-Assessment Centre & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Rahul Sarda a/w Mr. Sankalp Anantwar & Mr. Rishi Alva i/by
SMA Law Partners for the Petitioner.
Mr. Sham V. Walve for the Respondents.

**CORAM : K.K. TATED &
ABHAY AHUJA, JJ.**

**DATE : 12TH MAY 2021
(VACATION COURT THROUGH
VIDEO CONFERENCING)**

P.C. :

1. Issue notice to Respondents, returnable on 21st June, 2021. Mr. Walve, learned counsel waives notice for all the Respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that there are lot of glitches in the operation of the E-assessment Scheme. Pursuant to the said Scheme, by show-cause notice dated 23rd April, 2021, a draft assessment order had been issued to Petitioner requiring Petitioner to show cause as to why the assessment should not be completed as per the draft assessment order. Petitioner had responded to the same on 23rd/24th April, 2021 and sought opportunity of hearing and requested for adjournment in order to

respond to the draft assessment order due to lock-down. However, despite that order of assessment (Exhibit-A) and notice of demand for Rs.18,39,23,430/- (Exhibit-B) has been raised.

3. Having regard to the aforesaid, ad-interim order in terms of prayer clause (b) is granted till the next date, which reads thus :-

“b. pending the hearing and final disposal of the present Petition, this Hon’ble Court be pleased to stay the effect, implementation and operation of the impugned order and the Notice of Demand (Exhibits: “A” and “B” hereto) and this Hon’ble Court be further pleased to direct that no coercive steps be taken against the Petitioner in pursuance of the impugned order and/or the Notice of Demand;”

4. Stand over to 21/06/2021.

(ABHAY AHUJA, J.)

(K.K. TATED, J.)