

**GIB/(KR/UP)/COVID-19/20-03-2020/SC-7****Supreme Court Category :** COVID-19**State :** Kerala**Order No.:** GIB/(KR/UP)/COVID-19/20-03-2020/SC-7**Name of Entry :**

SUPREME COURT CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

**Date :** 20-03-2020**Breif Issue :****Issue & Fact of the Case:**

Kerala HC and Allahabad HC, taking note of the prevailing 'precarious' scenario of "outburst of deadly corona virus", directed the Income tax authorities, authorities dealing with GST, erstwhile Kerala VAT, financial institutions, banks, etc. to defer the recovery proceedings or coercive measures till April 6, 2020. However citing far reaching consequences of the High Courts' orders, the Centre challenged the same before the Supreme Court. **The Supreme Court today stayed the orders passed by the High Courts of Kerala and Allahabad.** Centre pleaded that there existed a mechanism for making online payment of taxes and there was no need for the High Courts to pass such an order, which effectively stops people from paying taxes. The petition filed by the Centre challenged the orders also on the grounds of violation of the doctrine of separation of powers. It contends that the High Courts exceeded their jurisdiction by passing orders through which recovery of taxes by various authorities stood deferred till April 6.

For Allahbad HC:- [GIB/UP/DARPAN SAHU/18-03-2020/HC-78](#)For Kerala HC :- [GIB/KR/KERALA HC COVID-19/16-03-2020/HC-79](#)