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ख अपील आदेश संख्या :Order-In-Appeal No.: <u>AHM-EXCUS-003-APP-198-18-19</u> दिनाँक Date :<u>27-03-2019</u> जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue:

श्री उमाशंकर आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित

Passed by Shri Uma Shanker Commissioner (Appeals) Ahmedabad

ग अपर आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, अहमदाबाद-III आयुक्तालय द्वारा जारी मूल आदेश :12/D/GNR/NK/2018-19 दिनाँक : 12-10-2018 से सृजित

Arising out of Order-in-Original: 12/D/GNR/NK/2018-19, Date: 12-10-2018 Issued by: Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Div:Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar Commissionerate, Ahmedabad.

ध <u>अपीलकर्ता</u> एवं प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता
Name & Address of the <u>Appellant</u> & Respondent
M/s. HPCL

कोई व्यवित इस अपील आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे बताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को अपील या पुनरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

I. Any person aggrieved by this Order-In-Appeal issued under the Central Excise Act 1944, may file an appeal or revision application, as the one may be against such order, to the appropriate authority in the following way:

\भारत सरकार का पुनरीक्षण आवेदन : Revision application to Government of India :

- (1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा अंतर्गत नीचे बताए गए मामलों के बारे में पूर्वोक्त धारा को उप—धारा के प्रथम परन्तुक के अंतर्गत पुनरीक्षण आवेदन अवर सचिव, भारत सरकार, वित्त मंत्रालय, राजस्व विभाग, चौथी मंजिल, जीवन दीप भवन, संसद मार्ग, नई दिल्ली : 110001 को की जानी चाहिए।
- (i) A revision application lies to the Under Secretary, to the Govt. of India, Revision Application Unit Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, 4th Floor, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110 001 under Section 35EE of the CEA 1944 in respect of the following case, governed by first proviso to sub-section (1) of Section-35 ibid:
- (ii) यदि माल की हानि के मामले में जब ऐसी हानि कारखाने से किसी भण्डागार या अन्य कारखाने में या किसी भण्डागार से दूसरे भण्डागार में माल ले जाते हुए मार्ग में, या किसी भण्डागार या भण्डार में चाहे वह किसी कारखाने में या किसी भण्डागार में हो माल की प्रकिया के दौरान हुई हो।
- (ii) In case of any loss of goods where the loss occur in transit from a factory to a warehouse or to another factory or from one warehouse to another during the course of processing of the goods in a warehouse or in storage whether in a factory or in a warehouse.
- (ख) भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित माल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुल्क कच्चे माल पर उत्पादन शुल्क के रिबेट के मामलें में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित है।

(b) In case of rebate of duty of excise on goods exported to any country or territory outside India of on excisable material used in the manufacture of the goods which are exported to any country or territory outside India.

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(ग) यदि शुल्क का भुगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्यात किया गया माल हो।

(c) In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of duty.

ध अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो डयूटी केडिट मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो इस धारा एवं नियम के मुताबिक आयुक्त, अपील के द्वारा पारित वो समय पर या बाद में वित्त अधिनियम (नं.2) 1998 धारा 109 द्वारा नियुक्त किए गए हो।

- (d) Credit of any duty allowed to be utilized towards payment of excise duty on final products under the provisions of this Act or the Rules made there under and such order is passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) on or after, the date appointed under Sec.109 of the Finance (No.2) Act, 1998.
- (1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपन्न संख्या इए—8 में दो प्रतियों में, प्रेषित आदेश के प्रति आदेश प्रेषित दिनाँक से तीन मास के भीतर मूल—आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो—दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ. का मुख्यशीर्ष के अंतर्गत धारा 35—इ में निर्धारित फी के भुगतान के सबूत के साथ टीआर—6 चालान की प्रति भी होनी चाहिए।

The above application shall be made in duplicate in Form No. EA-8 as specified under Rule, 9 of Central Excise (Appeals) Rules, 2001 within 3 months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated and shall be accompanied by two copies each of the OIO and Order-In-Appeal. It should also be accompanied by a copy of TR-6 Challan evidencing payment of prescribed fee as prescribed under Section 35-EE of CEA, 1944, under Major Head of Account.

(2) रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम हो तो रूपये 200/- फीस भुगतान की जाए और जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख से ज्यादा हो तो 1000/- की फीस भुगतान की जाए।

The revision application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.200/- where the amount involved is Rupees One Lac or less and Rs.1,000/- where the amount involved is more than Rupees One Lac.

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:-Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35— णवी/35—इ के अंतर्गत:—

Under Section 35B/ 35E of CEA, 1944 an appeal lies to :-

खक्तलिखित परिच्छेद 2 (1) क में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलों के मामले में सीमां शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में दूसरा मंजिल, बहूमाली भवन, असारवा, अहमदाबाद, गुजरात 380016

To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at 2nd floor, Bahumali Bhavan; Asarwa, Ahmedabad-380016 in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para-2(i) (a) above.

(2) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 की धारा 6 के अंतर्गत प्रपन्न इ.ए—3 में निर्धारित किए अनुसार अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरणें की गई अपील के विरुद्ध अपील किए गए आदेश की चार प्रतियाँ सिहत जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या उससे कम है वहां रूपए 1000/— फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या 50 लाख तक हो तो रूपए 5000/— फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 50 लाख या उससे ज्यादा है वहां रूपए 10000/— फीस भेजनी होगी। की फीस सहायक रिजस्टार के नाम से रेखािकंत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में संबंध की जाये। यह ड्राफ्ट उस स्थान के किसी नामित सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक की शाखा का हो

The appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed in quadruplicate in form EA-3 as prescribed under Rule 6 of Central Excise(Appeal) Rules, 2001 and shall be accompanied against (one which at least should be accompanied by a fee of Rs.1,000/-, Rs.5,000/- and Rs.10,000/- where amount of duty / penalty / demand / refund is upto 5 Lac, 5 Lac to 50 Lac and above 50 Lac respectively in the form of crossed bank draft in favour of Asstt. Registar of a branch of any nominate public sector bank of the place where the bench of any nominate public sector bank of the place where the bench of the Tribunal is situated

(3) यदि इस आदेश में कई मूल आदेशों का समावेश होता है तो प्रत्येक मूल ओदश के लिए फीस का भुगतान उपर्युक्त ढंग से किया जाना चाहिए इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी कि लिखा पढी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथारिथिति अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को एक अपील या केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक आवेदन किया जाता हैं।

In case of the order covers a number of order-in-Original, fee for each O.I.O. should be paid in the aforesaid manner not withstanding the fact that the one appeal to the Appellant Tribunal or the one application to the Central Govt. As the case may be vis all ed to avoid scriptoria work if excising Rs. 1 lacs fee of Rs.100/- for each.

न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम 1970 यथा संशोधित की अनुसूचि-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूल भादेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रति पर रू.6.50 पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकट लगा होना

One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjournment authority shall beer a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 paisa as prescribed under scheduled-I item of the court fee Act, 1975 as amended.

(5) इन ओर संबंधित मामलों को नियंत्रण करने वाले नियमों की ओर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है जो सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद्न शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निहित है।

Attention in invited to the rules covering these and other related matter contended in the Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

(6) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय प्रधिकरण (सीस्तेत) के प्रति अपीलों के मामलों में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, १९४४ की धारा ३५फ के अंतर्गत वित्तीय(संख्या-२) अधिनियम २०१४(२०१४ की संख्या २५) दिनांक: ०६.०८.२०१४ जो की वित्तीय अधिनियम, १९९४ की धारा ८३ के अंतर्गत सेवाकर को भी लागू की गई है, द्वारा निश्चित की गई पूर्व-राश जमा करना अनिवार्य है, बशर्ते कि इस धारा के अंतर्गत जमा की जाने वाली अपेक्षित देय राशि दस करोड़ रूपए से अधिक न हो

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर के अंतर्गत " माँग किए गए शुल्क " में निम्न शामिल है

- धारा 11 डी के अंतर्गत निर्धारित रकम
- सेनवैट जमा की ली गई गलत राशि (ii)
- सेनवैट जमा नियमावली के नियम 6 के अंतर्गत देय रकम (iii)

 \rightarrow आगे बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान वित्तीय (सं. 2) अधिनियम, 2014 के आरम्भ से पूर्व किसी अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधीन स्थगन अर्ज़ी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होगे।

For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, it is mandatory to pre-deposit an amount specified under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2014 (No. 25 of 2014) dated 06.08.2014, under section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944 which is also made applicable to Service Tax under section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994 provided the amount of pre-deposit payable would be subject to ceiling of Rs. Ten Crores,

Under Central Excise and Service Tax, "Duty demanded" shall include:

- amount determined under Section 11 D;
- amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken; (ii)
- amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules.
- → Provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to the stay application and appeals pending before any appellate authority prior to the commencement of the Finance (No.2) Act, 2014.
- (6)(i) इस आदेश के प्रति अपील प्रधिकरण के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दण्ड विवादित हो तो माँग किए गए शुल्क के 10% भुगतान पर और जहाँ केवल दण्डविवादित हो तब दण्ड के 10% भुगतान पर की जा सकती है।
- (6)(i) In view of above, an appeal against this order shall lie before the Tribunal on payment of 10% of the duty demanded where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute, or penalty, where penalty alone is in dispute."
- Any person aggrieved by an Order-in-Appeal issued under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017/Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017/Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, may file an appeal before the appropriate authority.



ORDER IN APPEAL

This appeal has been filed by M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Survey No. 124/1, NH 08, Near S P Ring Road, Nana Chiloda, Gandhinagar District, Gujarat 382 640 [for short – 'appellant'] against OIO No. 12/D/GNR/NK/2018-19 dated 12.10.2018 passed by the Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Gandhinagar Division, Gandhinagar Commissionerate [for short – 'adjudicating authority'].

- Briefly, the facts are that scrutiny of the records of the appellant by CERA revealed that the appellant was collecting <u>additional amount</u> under the head 'other charges' from their customers and was not discharging central excise duty on the said amount by not including it in the transaction value. A show cause notice dated 20.4.2017 was therefore issued *inter alia* demanding central excise duty of Rs. 17,53,622/- under section 11A(4) of the Central Excise Act, 1944, along with interest. The notice further proposed imposition of penalty under Section 11AC of the Central Excise Act, 1944 read with Rule 25 of the Central Excise Rules, 2002.
- 3. This notice was adjudicated vide the aforementioned impugned OIO dated 12.10.2018, wherein the adjudicating authority confirmed the demand along with interest and further imposed penalty on the appellant.
- 4. Feeling aggrieved, the appellant has filed this appeal raising the following averments:
 - that the OIO is not correct, legal;
 - that the clearance of the goods from their CNG mother station is not covered under Rule 6 of the Valuation Rules;
 - that the other charges shown in the retail invoice is the component of dealers commission @ 1.57 per kg and the VAT element of 15% charged under Gujarat VAT on the dealers commission;
 - that the issue has attained finality in terms of BPCL decision [1999(108) ELT 402 which was maintained by the Apex court [2004(174) ELT A 78(SC), IOCL [2017(346) ELT 397];
 - that they would also like to rely on the case of Mahanagar Gas Limited [2017(348) ELT 175, which was confirmed by the Hon'ble Apex Court [2018(36) ELT A 187];
 - that the adjudicating authority has simply brushed aside the reliance on the aforementioned case laws by one liners as not applicable to the current issue;
 - that since the department has earlier accepted that excise duty was not chargeable on the dealer commission element, later on its action in charging service tax on commission was rejected by the Tribunal;
 - that the matter is hit by limitation;
 - that no penalty is imposable.
- 5. Personal hearing in the matter was held on 7.3.2019, wherein Shri Prakash Ramandasani, Senior Manager Finance, appeared on behalf of the appellant and reiterated the grounds of appeal. He also submitted copies of citation reported at [2018(360) ELT A 133(SC)].
- 6. I have gone through the merits of the case, the grounds of appeal and the oral submission made during the course of personal hearing. The issue to be decided is whether the

adjudicating authority was correct in holding that the other charges recovered by the appellant from their customer would form a part of the assessable value.

- 7. The adjudicating authority, in his impugned OIO held that the other charges collected from the customers, flowing directly or indirectly from the buyer to the appellant, is an additional consideration; that in terms of Rule 6 of the Central Excise Valuation (Determination of price of excisable goods) Rules, 2000, the assessable value = transaction value + amount of money value of the additional consideration flowing directly or indirectly from the buyer to the appellant; that the price actually paid to the appellant by the customer includes the component charged under the head other charges; that as per the provision of Section 4 of the Central Excise Act, 1944, other charges should form a part of the transaction value in as much as the same has been actually paid by the customer towards purchase of the said excisable goods; that in the invoice, nowhere it is mentioned that other charges collected are towards 'dealers commission' received by them; that it is not a dealer commission rather it is an amount collected which would fall within the four corners of section 4 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 read with Rule 6 of the Central Excise Valuation (Determination of the price of excisable goods) Rules, 2000, as an additional consideration flowing from the customer to the appellant in relation to that particular sale.
- 8. The appellant, while contesting the aforementioned findings has stated that the clearance of the goods from their CNG mother station is not covered under Rule 6 of the Valuation Rules; that the *other charges* shown in the retail invoice is the component of dealers commission @ 1.57 per kg and the VAT element of 15% charged under Gujarat VAT on the dealers commission.
- As far as this contention goes, I find that [a] the amount that stands collected, as other charges should form the part of the assessable value in terms of section 4 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 read with Rule 6 of the Central Excise Valuation (Determination of the price of excisable goods) Rules, 2000 and [b] there is no proof produced by the appellant, which is also pointed out by the adjudicating authority that this is in fact was relating to dealers commission.
- 9. The appellant has further relied mainly upon the following case laws, further submitting that the same were simply brushed aside by the adjudicating authority in single line. The appellant's contention belies fact. I have gone through paras 10.5.1 to 10.5.4, wherein the adjudicating authority while discussing the four case laws, has clearly distinguished it by mentioning his reasoning. The appellant should have clearly stated in the appeal papers as to why the reasoning adopted by the adjudicating authority is not correct. On the contrary, I find that the reasons mentioned by the adjudicating authority, in distinguishing the case law from the present dispute, are correct. Moreover, I find that the reliance places the appellant on these case laws, are not tenable.

- 10. The appellant has also not mentioned any plausible grounds which forces meaninterfere with his findings as far as invocation of extended period and imposition of penalty is concerned.
- 11. In view of the foregoing, the appeal filed by the appellant is rejected and the impugned OIO dated 12.10.2018, is upheld.
- 12. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।
- 12. The appeal filed by the appellant stands disposed of in above terms.

(उमा शंकर)

प्रधान आयुक्त (अपील्स)

Date: 27.3.2019

Attested

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Superintendent (Appeal),

Central Tax,

Ahmedabad.

By RPAD.

To, M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Survey No. 124/1, NH 08, Near S P Ring Road, Nana Chiloda, Gandhinagar District, Gujarat 382 640

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner, Central Tax, Ahmedabad Zone.

2. The Principal Commissioner, Central Tax, Gandhinagar Commissionerate.

3. The Assistant Commissioner, Central Tax Division- Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar Commissionerate.

4. The Assistant Commissioner, System, Central Tax, Gandhinagar Commissionerate.

5. Guard File.

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