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Office of the Commissioner (Appeal),



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Central GST, Appeal Commissionerate, Ahmedabad
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- क फाइल संख्या : File No : GAPPL/COM/CEXP/558/2021 **1253K 70753K**
- ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos. **AHM-EXCUS-003-APP-35/2022-23**
दिनांक Date : **13-07-2022** जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 14.07.2022
आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित
Passed by **Shri Akhilesh Kumar**, Commissioner (Appeals)
- ग Arising out of OIO No. **AHM-CEX-003-ADC-MS-009-20-21** दिनांक: **25.02.2021** passed by
Additional Commissioner, CGST & Central Excise, Gandhinagar Commissionerate
- घ अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address

Appellant

- M/s Shreeram Bajrang Transport & Warehousing Co.
10, Shyam Estate, Near Parichay Hotel,
Aslali Gam, Ahmedabad**

कोई व्यक्ति 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।

Any person aggrieved by this Order-In-Appeal 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 अतत नीचे बताए गए मामलों के बारे में पूर्वोक्त धारा को उप-धारा के प्रथम परन्तुक के अंतर्गत पुनरीक्षण आवेदन अधीन 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 हानिकार खाने 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.



(क) 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 मामलों में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित है।

(A) 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.

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

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

अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो ड्यूटी क्रेडिट 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।

(c) 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 प्रपत्र संख्या इए-8 में दो प्रतियों में, प्रेषित आदेश के प्रति आदेश प्रेषित दिनांक से तीन मास के भीतरमूल-आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो-दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ.का मुख्य शीर्ष 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 रुपये या उससे कम होते रुपये 200/- फीस भुगतान की जाए और जहाँ संलग्नरकम 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 सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:-
Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

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

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

(क) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद 2 (1) क में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलों के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण(सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में 2ndमाला, बहुमाली भवन ,असरवा ,गिरधरनागर,अहमदाबाद-380004

(a) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at 2ndfloor,BahumaliBhawan,Asarwa,Girdhar Nagar, Ahmedabad : 380004. in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para-2(i) (a) above.



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. Registrar 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 आदेश के लिए फीस का भुगतान उपर्युक्त ढंग से किया जाना चाहिए इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी कि लिखा पढ़ी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथास्थिति अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को एक अपील या केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक आवेदन किया जाता है।

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 notwithstanding the fact that the one appeal to the Appellate Tribunal or the one application to the Central Govt. As the case may be, is filled to avoid scriptoria work if excising Rs. 1 lacs fee of Rs.100/- for each.

- (4) न्यायालय शुल्कअधिनियम 1970 यथासंशोधित की अनुसूचि-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूलआदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रतिपर रु.6.50 पैसे कान्यायालय शुल्क टिकट लगा होना चाहिए।

One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjournment authority shall a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 paise 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 उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निहित है।

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

- (58) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण(सिस्टेट),के प्रतिअपीलो के मामले में कर्तव्यमांग(Demand) एवं दंड(Penalty) का 10% पूर्व जमा करना अनिवार्य है।हालांकि, अधिकतम पूर्व जमा 10 करोड़ रुपए है।(Section 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994)

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क और सेवाकर के अंतर्गत, शामिल होगा "कर्तव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded)-

- (i) (Section) खंड 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि;
- (ii) लिया गलत सेनवैट क्रेडिट की राशि;
- (iii) सेनवैट क्रेडिट नियमों के नियम 6 के तहत देय राशि.

⇒ यह पूर्व जमा 'लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तुलना में, अपील दाखिल करने के लिए पूर्व शर्त बना दिया गया है.

For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, 10% of the Duty & Penalty confirmed by the Appellate Commissioner would have to be pre-deposited, provided that the pre-deposit amount shall not exceed Rs.10 Crores. It may be noted that the pre-deposit is a mandatory condition for filing appeal before CESTAT. (Section 35 C (2A) and 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994)

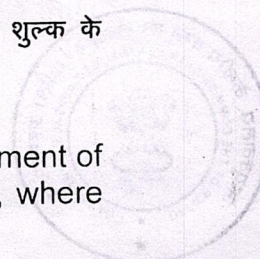
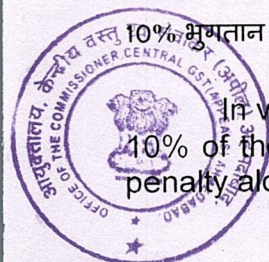
Under Central Excise and Service Tax, "Duty demanded" shall include:

- (clvii) amount determined under Section 11 D;
- (clviii) amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- (clix) amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules.

इस आदेश के प्रति अपील प्राधिकरण के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दण्ड विवादित हो तो माँग किए गए शुल्क के

10% भुगतान पर और जहाँ केवल दण्ड विवादित हो तब दण्ड के 10% भुगतान पर की जा सकती है।

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."



ORDER-IN-APPEAL

The present appeal has been filed by M/s. Shreeram Bajrang Transport & Warehouse Co., 10, Shyam Estate, Near Hotel Parichay, Aslali Gam, Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as the appellant) against Order in Original No. AHM-CEX-003-ADC-MS-009-20-21 dated 25.02.2021 [hereinafter referred to as "*impugned order*"] passed by the Additional Commissioner, CGST, Commissionerate : Gandhinagar [hereinafter referred to as "*adjudicating authority*"].

2. Briefly stated, the facts of the case is that intelligence gathered by the officers of the Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence, Zonal Unit, Ahmedabad (now DGGI) indicated that M/s.Harshlaxmi Chemisolv, Ahmedabad, a Registered Dealer, were selling goods to different buyers based in Delhi, Kundali, Panipat, Sonipat (Haryana) but allegedly passing on the cenvat credit to different manufacturers/dealers based at Vapi, Ankleshwar, Ahmedabad etc. without physical supply of the corresponding goods. Accordingly, searches were carried out at the office premises of M/s.Harshlaxmi Chemisolv and various documents and records were seized. Scrutiny of the seized records revealed that the appellant had issued invoices showing clearances of chemicals to various firms without supply of the corresponding goods only on paper but actually the corresponding goods were not supplied to them.

2.1 The investigation were extended to the appellant and Statement of the Proprietor of the appellant firm was recorded wherein he stated that they had never transported any chemical from M/s.Harshlaxmi Chemisolv to any consignee till date and that they had issued Lorry Receipts showing bogus vehicle numbers to facilitate M/s.Harshlaxmi Chemisolv to show the movement of consignments to various manufacturing units as instructed by the Authorized Signatory of M/s. Harshlaxmi Chemisolv. He also admitted that bills were prepared showing freight charges only for accounting purpose and that the bill amount received by cheque were returned in cash after deducting their commission.



2.2 On conclusion of the investigation, SCN vide F.No. DGGSTI/AZU/36-48/2017-18 dated 29.09.2017 was issued wherein it was proposed to recover cenvat credit amounting to Rs.75,83,568/- from M/s.United Metachem Industries, Ahmedabad who had availed cenvat credit, without physically receiving goods, on the strength of invoices issued by M/s.Harshlaxmi Chemisolv. The SCN also proposed imposition of penalty on various firms. The appellant was also made a noticee in the said SCN wherein it was proposed to impose penalty under Rule 26 (1) of the Central Excise Rules, 2002.

3. The said SCN was adjudicated vide the impugned order wherein the demand for cenvat credit was confirmed along with interest and penalty against the main noticee. Penalty of Rs.3,50,000/- was imposed on the appellant under Rule 26 (1) of the Central Excise Rules, 2002. Penalties were also imposed on the other co-noticees.

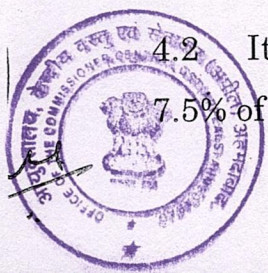
4. Being aggrieved with the impugned order, the appellant has filed the present appeal on 08.07.2021. On scrutiny of the appeal papers submitted by the appellant, it was observed that they had submitted Form DRC-03 for Rs.26,250/- issued in the name of Sejalben Devangshubhai Kothari. Under reasons in the said DRC-03 it was mentioned as "*Mandatory pre deposit 7.5% against OIO No. AHM-CEX-003-ADC-MS-009-20-21 dated 25.02.2021 passed by the Additional Commissioner of Central GST, Gandhinagar on behalf of Shreeram Bajrang Transport & Warehousing Co.*".

4.1 The pre-deposit of certain percentage of duty demanded or penalty imposed before filing appeal is in terms of Section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, which is reproduced as below :

The Tribunal or the Commissioner (Appeals), as the case may be, shall not entertain any appeal,-

- (i) Under sub-section (1) of section 35, unless the appellant has deposited seven and a half per cent of the duty, in case where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute, or penalty, where such penalty is in dispute, in pursuance of a decision or an order passed by an officer of Central Excise lower in rank than the Principal Commissioner of Central Excise of Commissioner of Central Excise;"

4.2 It is clear from the provisions of Section 35F (i) that the pre-deposit of 7.5% of the duty or penalty disputed has to be made by the appellant. However,



it was observed that no pre-deposit for filing the present appeal has been made by the appellant and they have submitted a Form DRC-03 of another person, who is not the appellant in the present appeal. The appellant was, therefore, requested vide letter F.No. GAPPL/COM/CEXP/558/2021 dated 08.02.2022 to submit copy of pre-deposit Challan in terms of Section 35F (i) of the Central Excise Act, 1944. The Advocate for the appellant informed vide email dated 09.02.2022 that the appellant is a transporter and does not hold GST registration number and that another applicant M/s.Harshlaxmi Chemisolv had paid the pre-deposit on behalf of the appellant and requested for acceptance of the same. However, as the amount deposited by Sejalben Devanghubhai Kothari on behalf of the appellant could not be considered as payment towards pre-deposit in terms of Section 35F(i) of the Central Excise Act, 1944, the appellant was requested again vide letter dated 13.06.2022 to submit copy of pre-deposit challan. The appellant has, however, not responded to the said communication and neither has the Challan evidencing pre-deposit been submitted.

5. In terms of Section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, the Tribunal or Commissioner (Appeals), as the case may be, shall not entertain any appeal unless the appellant has deposited 7.5% of the duty, in case where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute or penalty, where the penalty is in dispute.

6. Since the appellant had not furnished proof of their having made the pre-deposit of 7.5% of the penalty disputed, the appeal filed by the appellant is dismissed for non-compliance of the provisions of Section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944.

7. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।

The appeal filed by the appellant stands disposed of in above terms.

Akhilesh Kumar
13 July, 2022
(Akhilesh Kumar)

Commissioner (Appeals)

Date: .07.2022.

Attested:

(N.Suryanarayanan. Iyer)
Superintendent(Appeals),
CGST, Ahmedabad.



BY RPAD / SPEED POST

To

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The Additional Commissioner,
CGST & Central Excise,
Commissionerate : Gandhinagar

Respondent

Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner, Central GST, Ahmedabad Zone.
2. The Commissioner, CGST, Gandhinagar.
3. The Assistant Commissioner (HQ System), CGST, Gandhinagar.
(for uploading the OIA)

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