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**आयुक्त(अपील)का कार्यालय,
Office of the Commissioner (Appeal),**

केंद्रीय जीएसटी, अपील आयुक्तालय, अहमदाबाद
Central GST, Appeal Commissionerate, Ahmedabad
जीएसटी भवन, राजस्वमार्ग, अम्बावाड़ी अहमदाबाद ३८००१५.
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- क फाइल संख्या : File No : GAPPL/COM/STP/2669/2021 / 2955 - 2959
- ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos. **AHM-EXCUS-003-APP-43/2022-23**
दिनांक Date : **13-08-2022** जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 16.08.2022
आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित
Passed by **Shri Akhilesh Kumar**, Commissioner (Appeals)
- ग Arising out of OIO No. **40/AC/MEH/CGST/20-21** दिनांक: **12.02.2021** passed by Assistant Commissioner, CGST & Central Excise, Division Mehsana, Gandhinagar Commissionerate
- घ अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address

Appellant

- M/s Western Confab Engineers
C/o Nirmal Rajendra Shah
Vandana Villa, Parekh Pole
Mehsana - 384170**

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 :

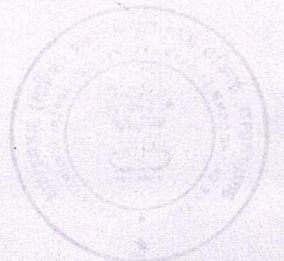
Revision application to Government of India:

(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 होतो 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, अपीलो 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, Bahumali Bhawan, 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 पढी 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 अनुसूची-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.

- (64) 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.

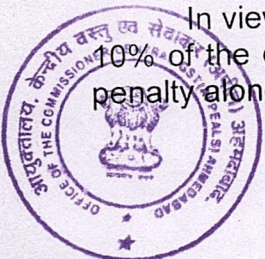
For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, 10% of the Duty & Penalty confirmed by the Appellate Commissioner would have to be pre-deposited, provided that the pre-deposit amount shall not exceed Rs.10 Crores. It may be noted that the pre-deposit is a mandatory condition for filing appeal before CESTAT. (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:

- (clxxv) amount determined under Section 11 D;
- (clxxvi) amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- (clxxvii) 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. Western Confab Engineers, C/o. Nirmal Rajendra Shah, Vandana Villa, Parekh Pole, Mehsana – 384170 (hereinafter referred to as the appellant) against Order in Original No. 40/AC/MEH/CGST/20-21 dated 12.02.2021 [hereinafter referred to as “*impugned order*”] passed by the Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division : Mehsana, Commissionerate : Gandhinagar [hereinafter referred to as “*adjudicating authority*”].

2. Briefly stated, the facts of the case is that the appellant were holding Service Tax Registration No. AELPS5179MST001 and were engaged in providing Commercial & Industrial Construction Services, Erection, Commissioning and Installation Services etc. On the basis of information that the appellant was collecting service tax from their customers but not depositing the same to the Government Exchequer and that they were also suppressing the taxable value in their ST-3 returns, investigation was initiated against the appellant by the Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence (DGCEI) [now DGGI]. During the investigation, it was noticed that the appellant was availing abatement of 67% of the taxable value in terms of Notification No.1/2006-ST dated 01.03.2006. It, however, appeared that where the customers of the appellant had provided material free of cost for providing service by the appellant, the value of such free issue material was not added to the taxable value while working out abatement. Therefore, it appeared that the appellant was not eligible for abatement and they were liable to pay service tax on the gross value of services provided by them. It was also noticed during the course of investigation that the appellant had also provided only Construction services related to Commercial and Industrial buildings and Civil Structures. It appeared that in such cases, the appellant was liable to pay service tax without abatement where no supply of goods was involved.

3. Subsequently, the appellant was issued a SCN vide F.No. DGCEI/AZU/36-37/2015-16 dated 30.09.2015 wherein it was proposed to :



- Demand and recover service tax amounting to Rs.42,25,068/- under the proviso to Section 73 (1) of the Finance Act, 1994 and appropriate the amount of Rs.21,66,248/- paid by them;
- Demand Interest under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994;
- Impose penalty under Section 77 and 78 of the Finance Act, 1994;

4. The said SCN was adjudicated vide the impugned order wherein the demand for Rs. 42,25,068/- was confirmed along with interest and the amount paid by them was appropriated. Penalty amounting to Rs.42,25,068/- was imposed under Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994. Penalty of Rs.10,000/- was also imposed under Section 77 of the Finance Act, 1994.

5. Being aggrieved with the impugned order, the appellant has filed the instant appeal making detailed submissions on merits. They have also contended that the impugned order has been passed in violation of the principles of natural justice as no hearing was granted to them before confirming the demand of service tax. In support of their contention, the appellant relied upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Uma Nath Pandey Vs. State of UP – 2009 (237) ELT 241 (SC) and UOI Vs. Hanil Era Textiles Ltd. – 2017 (349) ELT 384 (SC).

6. The appellant were given opportunities for Personal Hearing through virtual mode on 24.05.2022, 15.06.2022 and 20.07.2022. However, nobody appeared and neither was any request for adjournment received. The appellant were granted another opportunity of Personal Hearing through virtual mode on 08.08.2022. However, nobody appeared for the personal hearing through virtual mode.

6.1 In terms of the provisions of Section 35(1A) of the Central Excise Act, 1994, hearing of the appeal can be adjourned on sufficient cause being shown. However, as per the proviso to the said Section 35 (1A), no adjournment shall be granted more than three times to a party during hearing of the appeal. In the present appeals, the appellant were called for a personal hearing on four different dates, however, they neither attended the hearing nor sought any adjournment. I am, therefore, satisfied that the appellant have been granted ample opportunities to be heard, which they have not availed. I, therefore,



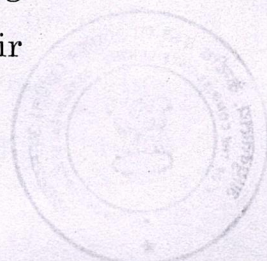
proceed to decide the case, ex-parte, on the basis of the material on available on record.

7. I have gone through the facts of the case, submissions made in the Appeal Memorandum and the material available on records. The dispute involved in the present appeal relates to the confirmation of demand for service tax amounting to Rs.42,25,068/-. The demand pertains to the period F.Y.2010-11 to F.Y. 2013-14.

8. I find that it has been recorded at Para 16 of the impugned order that the appellant has not submitted their defence submission. Further, at Para 17 of the impugned order, it has been recorded that the opportunity of personal hearing was granted on 28.01.2021, 01.02.2021, 05.02.2021 and 08.02.2021, but, there was no response from the appellant. Thereafter, the case was adjudicated ex-parte.

8.1 I find that the appellant has in their appeal memorandum submitted details and various documents in their defense. However, these details and documents were not submitted by them before the adjudicating authority and neither was any of the contentions made in the appeal memorandum raised before the adjudicating authority. Since the appellant did not file any written submission before the adjudicating authority and neither did they attend the personal hearing granted, no oral submissions were made by them in their defense. Accordingly, the adjudicating authority did not have the opportunity of considering the submissions of the appellant before passing the impugned order. Therefore, I am of the considered view that it would be in the fitness of things in the interest of natural justice that the matter is remanded back to the adjudicating authority to consider the submissions of the appellant, made in the course of the present appeal, and, thereafter, adjudicate the matter.

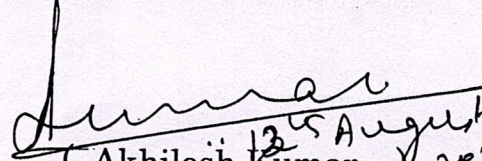
9. In view of the above, I am of the considered view that in the interest of the justice, the matter is required to be remanded back for denovo adjudication after affording the appellant the opportunity of filing their defense reply and after granting them the opportunity of personal hearing. Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside and the matter remanded back to the adjudicating authority for adjudication afresh. The appellant is directed to submit their



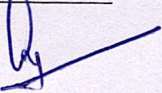
written submission to the adjudicating authority within 15 days of the receipt of this order. The appellant should also attend the personal hearing as and when fixed by the adjudicating authority. The appeal filed by the appellant is allowed by way of remand.

10. 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) 13th August, 2022..
Commissioner (Appeals)

Attested:


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

Date: .08.2022.



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To

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C/o. Nirmal Rajendra Shah,
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Appellant

The Assistant Commissioner,
CGST & Central Excise,
Division : Mehsana,
Commissionerate : Gandhinagar

Respondent

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