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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, राजस्व मार्ग, अम्बावाड़ी अहमदाबाद ३८००१५.
CGST Bhavan, Revenue Marg, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad 380015

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ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos. AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-101/2022-23
दिनांक Date : 02-01-2023 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 10.01.2023

आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित
Passed by Shri Akhilesh Kumar, Commissioner (Appeals)

ग Arising out of Order-in-Original No. CGST/A'bad North/Div-VII/ST/DC/60/2021-22
दिनांक: 30.09.2021, issued by Deputy/Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division-VII,
Ahmedabad-North

घ अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address

1. Appellant

M/s AVM Oilfield service,
B-29, Umed Park Society, Sola Road,
Ghatlodia, Ahmedabad-380061

2. Respondent

The Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division-VII, Ahmedabad
North , 4th Floor, Shahjanand Arcade, Memnagar, Ahmedabad - 380052

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 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 प्रक्रिया 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 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 रुपये या उससे कम हो तो रुपये 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.

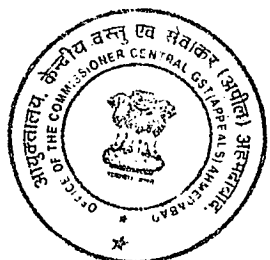
सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:-
Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35-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 2nd माला, बहुमाली भवन, असरवा, गिरधरनागर, अहमदाबाद -380004

(a) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at 2nd floor, 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 Appellant 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 शुल्क अधिनियम 1970 यथा संशोधित की अनुसूचि-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूल आदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रति पर रु.6.50 पैसे का न्यायालय 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.

- (7) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट), के प्रति अपील के मामले में कर्तव्य मांग (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 सेवा कर 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.

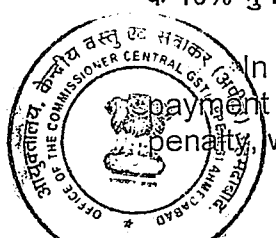
⇒ यह पूर्व जमा 'लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तुलना में, अपील' दाखिल करने के लिए पूर्व शर्त बना दिया गया है .

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:

- (i) amount determined under Section 11 D;
- (ii) amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- (iii) 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 appeals has been filed by M/s. AVM Oilfield Services, B-29, Umed Park Society, Sola Road, Ghatlodia, Ahmedabad-380061 (hereinafter referred to as '*the appellant*') against the O-I-O No. CGST/A'bad North/Div-VII/ST/DC/60/2021-22 dated 30.09.2021 (in short '*impugned order*') passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Central GST, & Central Excise, Division-VII, Ahmedabad North (in short '*the adjudicating authority*').

2. The appellant were registered with the department for providing 'Management or Business Consultation Service'. During the search conducted at the premises of the appellant, it was noticed that the appellant were suppressing the correct taxable value and thereby had failed to discharge proper service tax. A SCN No.STC/04-77/O&A/15-16 dated 18.04.2016 was, therefore, issued to the appellant, wherein the total demand of Rs.89,34,735/- covering F.Y.2010-2011 to F.Y.2013-2014, was issued. The said SCN was adjudicated vide O-I-O No.AHM-SVTAX-000-ADC-41-2016-17 dated 06.03.2017.

2.1 In order to ensure that the service tax was properly discharged for the subsequent period F.Y.2014-15, the Range Superintendent had issued letter dated 17.10.2016 to the appellant to furnish the income reflected in the Book of Accounts vis a vis the income shown in the ST-3 returns. On scrutiny of the Balance Sheet for the F.Y. 2014-15 and the ST-3 Returns, it was noticed that;

- a. the Gross Income of Rs.1,10,22,224/- shown in the Balance Sheet did not match with the income shown in their ST-3 returns;
- b. the appellant in their ST-3 have shown the tax payment of Rs. 16,79,8000/- made vide Challans No.00053473009201500001, which was reflected in both the ST-3 Returns filed for the F.Y. 2014-15. However, on verification, it was noticed that no such challan exist. The only remotely similar payment made of Rs.16,77,316/- was on 03.11.2015, which has been appropriated towards the tax liability determined vide the O-I-O dated 06.03.2017, so it appeared that no payment was actually made in cash.
- c. In the ST-3 return for the period April, 2014 to September 2014, they have shown tax payment of Rs.4,31,711/- made through Cenvat credit. The said Cenvat credit availed was shown to have been availed on the capital goods. However, on scrutiny of the Audited Balance Sheet, no purchase on capital goods was found, so it appears that no payment of service tax was made by way of utilizing the Cenvat credit.

2.2 Therefore, a periodical Show Cause Notice (SCN) No. Div-VII/North/Demand-01/18-19 dated 04.04.2018 was issued under Section 73(1)(A) to the appellant proposing the service tax demand of Rs.13,62,347/ for the period F.Y. 2014-15 alongwith interest under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994. The SCN also proposed imposition of penalties under Section 77 and 78 of the Finance Act, 1994.

2.3 The said SCN was adjudicated vide the impugned order, wherein the service tax demand of Rs.13,62,347/- for period F.Y. 2014-15 was confirmed alongwith interest. Penalty of Rs.13,62,347/- was imposed u/s 78 and Penalty of Rs.10,000/- was also imposed u/s 77.



3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, the appellant have preferred the present appeal. On scrutiny of the appeal papers filed by the appellant on 06.01.2022, it was noticed that the proof of pre-deposit, made in terms of Section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, was made under GST DRC-03. Board consequent to the rollout of the integrated CBIC-GST Portal, vide Circular No.1070/3/2019-CX dated 24.06.2019 directed that from 1st July, 2019 onwards, a new revised procedure has to be followed by the taxpayers for making arrears of Central Excise & Service Tax payments through portal "CBIC (ICEGATE) E-payment". Thereafter, CBIC vide Instruction dated 28.10.2022 issued vide F.No.CBIC-240137/14/2022-Service Tax Section-CBEC, also instructed that the payments made through DRC-03 under CGST regime is not a valid mode of payment for making pre-deposits under Section 35F of the CEA 1944 and Section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994.

4. In terms of Section 35F, an appeal shall not be entertained unless the appellant deposits 7.5% of the duty in case where duty and penalty are in dispute or 7.5% of penalty where such penalty is in dispute. Relevant provisions are reproduced below:-

SECTION 35F: *Deposit of certain percentage of duty demanded or penalty imposed before filing appeal. — 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 or Commissioner of Central Excise];*

5. The appellant was, therefore, called upon vide letter dated 01.11.2022 to submit copy of challan evidencing pre-deposit made in terms of Section 35 (F) of the Central Excise Act, 1944, in terms of Circular No.1070/3/2019-CX dated 24.06.2019, within 10 days of the receipt of said letter and were also informed that failure to submit proof of pre-deposit would result in dismissal of the appeal. Subsequent reminder was also issued on 12.12.2022 granting a week's time to produce the pre-deposit payment challan. However, the appellant failed to submit the same and neither did they respond to the above letter.

6. It is observed that the Commissioner (A) shall not entertain any appeal unless the appellant has deposited 7.5% of the duty (where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute) or 7.5% of penalty (where the penalty is in dispute) under Section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944. In terms of Board's Instruction dated 28.10.2022, I find that the pre-deposit made vide DRC-03 was invalid payment. Though sufficient time was granted to the appellant to make the revised payment in terms of Circular No.1070/3/2019-CX dated 24.06.2019, they failed to furnish proof of revised payment of pre-deposit of 7.5% of the duty made. The Commissioner (A) is, therefore, bound by the provisions of the Act and has no powers or jurisdiction to interpret the mandate of Section 35F into any other act. As such, I hold that for entertaining the appeal, the appellant is required to deposit the amounts in terms of Section 35F, which was not done. I, therefore, dismiss the appeal filed by the appellant for non-compliance of the provisions of Section- 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944.



7. In view of the above; the appeal filed by the appellant is dismissed for non-compliance of the provisions of Section- 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944.

8. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।
The appeal filed by the appellant stand disposed off in above terms.

Akhil Kumar
(अखिलेश कुमार)
आयुक्त (अपील्स) 2023.

Date: 01.2023

Attested

Rekha Nair
(Rekha A. Nair)
Superintendent (Appeals)
CGST, Ahmedabad

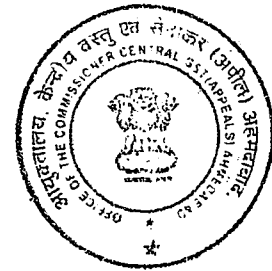
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The Deputy Commissioner
CGST, Division-VII,
Ahmedabad North
Ahmedabad

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5. Guard File.



- Appellant

- Respondent