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(ख)	अपील आदेश संख्या और दिनांक / Order-In-Appeal No. and Date	AHM-CGST-002-APP-ADC-18/2023-24 and 27.06.2023
(ग)	पारित किया गया / Passed By	श्री आदेश कुमार जैन, संयुक्त आयुक्त Shri Adesh Kumar Jain, Joint Commissioner (Appeals)
(घ)	जारी करने की दिनांक / Date of issue	28.06.2023
(ङ)	Arising out of Order-In-Original No. ZA240223066288L dated 10.02.2023 passed by The Superintendent, CGST, Range- IV, Division-II, Ahmedabad North Commissionerate	
(च)	अपीलकर्ता का नाम और पता / Name and Address of the Appellant	M/s Linics Enterprise Private Limited, Block F-107, Narayan Residency, Nikol Cenal Road, Nr Gokul Bunglow, Ahmedabad, Gujarat- 382350

(A)	इस आदेश(अपील) से व्यथित कोई व्यक्ति निम्नलिखित तरीके में उपयुक्त प्राधिकारी /प्राधिकरण के समक्ष अपील दायर कर सकता है। Any person aggrieved by this Order-in-Appeal may file an appeal to the appropriate authority in the following way.
(i)	National Bench or Regional Bench of Appellate Tribunal framed under GST Act/CGST Act in the cases where one of the issues involved relates to place of supply as per Section 109(5) of CGST Act, 2017.
(ii)	State Bench or Area Bench of Appellate Tribunal framed under GST Act/CGST Act other than as mentioned in para- (A)(i) above in terms of Section 109(7) of CGST Act, 2017
(iii)	Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed as prescribed under Rule 110 of CGST Rules, 2017 and shall be accompanied with a fee of Rs. One Thousand for every Rs. One Lakh of Tax or Input Tax Credit involved or the difference in Tax or Input Tax Credit involved or the amount of fine, fee or penalty determined in the order appealed against, subject to a maximum of Rs. Twenty-Five Thousand.
(B)	Appeal under Section 112(1) of CGST Act, 2017 to Appellate Tribunal shall be filed along with relevant documents either electronically or as may be notified by the Registrar, Appellate Tribunal in FORM GST APL-05, on common portal as prescribed under Rule 110 of CGST Rules, 2017, and shall be accompanied by a copy of the order appealed against within seven days of filing FORM GST APL-05 online.
	Appeal to be filed before Appellate Tribunal under Section 112(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 after paying -
(i)	(i) Full amount of Tax, Interest, Fine, Fee and Penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted/accepted by the appellant; and (ii) A sum equal to twenty five per cent of the remaining amount of Tax in dispute, in addition to the amount paid under Section 107(6) of CGST Act, 2017, arising from the said order, in relation to which the appeal has been filed.
(ii)	The Central Goods & Service Tax (Ninth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 03.12.2019 has provided that the appeal to tribunal can be made within three months from the date of communication of Order or date on which the President or the State President, as the case may be, of the Appellate Tribunal enters office, whichever is later.
(C)	उच्च अपीलीय प्राधिकारी को अपील दाखिल करने से संबंधित व्यापक, विस्तृत और नवीनतम प्रावधानों के लिए, अपीलार्थी विभागीय वेबसाइट www.cbic.gov.in को देख सकते हैं। For elaborate, detailed and latest provisions relating to filing of appeal to the appellate authority, the appellant may refer to the website www.cbic.gov.in .



ORDER-IN-APPEAL

Brief facts of the case:

M/s. Linics Enterprise Private Limited, Block F-107, Narayan Residency, Nikol Canal Road, Nr. Gokul Bungalow, Ahmedabad, Gujarat : 382 350 (hereinafter referred to as 'the appellant') has filed present appeal against Order bearing reference No. ZA240223066288L dated 10.02.2023 for cancellation of registration (hereinafter referred to as the 'impugned order'), issued by Superintendent, CGST, Range-IV, Division - II [Naroda Road], Ahmedabad North Commissionerate (hereinafter referred to as the 'adjudicating authority/proper officer').

2. Briefly stated the fact of the case is that the appellant is a private limited company and doing the business of developer of software and providing the services in relation to software in the name of "Linics Enterprise Private Limited" bearing GSTIN : 24AAECL9974D1ZA w.e.f 9.6.2022. The appellant was issued show cause notice in Form GST REG-17 under reference No. ZA2401232770490 dated 31-01-2023 on the following reasons asking the appellant to file within seven working days from the date of service of this notice:

"Any taxpayer other than composition taxpayer has not filed returns for a continuous period of six months."

Subsequently, the adjudicating authority /proper officer has passed the impugned order dated 10.02.2023 on the following grounds:

"This has reference to your reply dated 09.02.2023 in response to the notice to Show Cause Notice dated 31.01.2023. Whereas, the undersigned has examined your reply and submissions made at the time of hearing, and is of the opinion that your registration is liable to be cancelled for following reasons:

1. As per letter F.No. IV/16-57/PCCO/AZDAC/22-23 dated 27.01.2023 issued by the Additional Commissioner, CCO, CGST, Ahmedabad, the taxpayer failure to furnish returns for a continuous period of six monthly retruns, so under section 29(2) of CGST Act, 2017 is initiated. Nobody appeared for personal hearing on the scheduled date and time. Hence, registration is hereby cancelled"

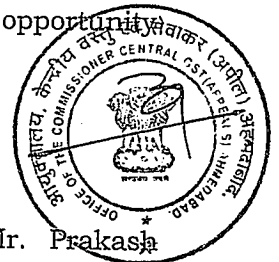
The effective date of cancellation of registration is 09.06.2022.

3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order, the appellant filed the present appeal on 20.05.2023 alongwith certified copies of the relevant documents against the impugned order, *inter alia*, contending that:

- (i) The adjudicating authority has erred in law and on facts without giving opportunity of being heard and not considering the material available with them;
- (ii) request to restore the registration.

Personal Hearing:

4. Personal hearing in the matter was held on 27.06.2023. Mr. Prakasa Bhikhabhai Nandola, Chartered Accountant, appeared in the personal hearing as the "authorized person" on behalf of the appellant. He stated that the appellant is a start-up firm, since there was no business therefore due to oversight they failed to file returns for more than 6 months and therefore department cancelled the registration. They have already paid the penalty / late fees and requested to re-store registration.



Discussion and Findings:

5. I have gone through the facts of the case, written submissions made by the 'appellant'. I find that the main issue to be decided in the instant case is (i) whether the appeal has been filed within the prescribed time-limit and (ii) whether the appeal filed against the order of cancellation of registration can be considered for revocation/restoration of cancelled registration by the proper officer.

6. First of all, I would like to take up the issue of filing the appeal and before deciding the issue of filing the appeal on merits, it is imperative that the statutory provisions be gone through, which are reproduced, below:

SECTION 107. Appeals to Appellate Authority. — (1) Any person aggrieved by any decision or order passed under this Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act by an adjudicating authority may appeal to such Appellate Authority as may be prescribed within three months from the date on which the said decision or order is communicated to such person.

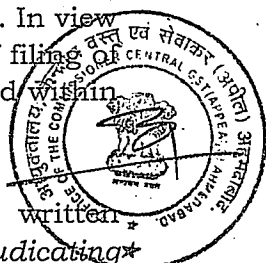
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(4) The Appellate Authority may, if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the aforesaid period of three months or six months, as the case may be, allow it to be presented within a **further period of one month.**

7. I observed that in the instant case the appeal has been filed by delay of 10 days from the normal period prescribed under Section 107(1) of the CGST Act, 2017. I find that though the delay in filing the appeal is condonable only for a further period of one month provided that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal is shown and the delay of more than one month is not condonable under the provisions of sub section (4) of Section 107 of the Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017.

7.1. In the present matter, the "impugned order" is of 10.02.2023, so, the normal appeal period of three months is available up to 10.05.2023 whereas, the present appeal is filed online on 20.05.2023. In terms of the Section 107(4) of CGST Act, 2017 as mentioned above, appeal period is further condonable with one month period after showing sufficient cause. The appellant has filed a condonation of delay (COD) application in terms of Section 107(4) of CGST Act, 2017 and submitted that due to unforeseen personal circumstances beyond their control and due to oversight by their group account. The appellant stated it is their responsibility to adhere to the prescribed time lines for GST compliance and the importance of timely filing of returns. However, the circumstances were beyond their control which resulted into delay in filing the present appeal. In view of the above in the instant matter, I am inclined to condone the delay of filing of appeal for 10 days period. Therefore, I find that the present appeal is filed within stipulated time limit. Accordingly, I am proceeding to decide the case.



9. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case, written submissions made by the "Appellant". I find that the adjudicating authority/proper officer has cancelled the registration with effect from 09.06.2022 as the "...the taxpayer failed to furnish returns for a continuous period of six months returns, so action under Section 29(2) of CGST Act, 2017 is initiated. Nobody appeared for personal hearing on the schedule date and time. Hence, registration is hereby cancelled."

Further, I find that the provisions of revocation of cancellation of registration when the same is cancelled by the proper officer on suo-moto basis are contained in Section 30 of the CGST Act, 2017 and Rule 23 of the CGST Rules, 2017. Therefore, I find it pertinent to refer Section 30 and Rule 23 as under: -

SECTION 30. Revocation of cancellation of registration. — (1) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may apply to such officer for revocation of cancellation of the registration in the prescribed manner within thirty days from the date of service of the cancellation order :

[**Provided** that such period may, on sufficient cause being shown, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended, -

(a) by the Additional Commissioner or the Joint Commissioner, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding thirty days;

(b) by the Commissioner, for a further period not exceeding thirty days, beyond the period specified in clause (a).]

(2) The proper officer may, in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed, by order, either revoke cancellation of the registration or reject the application :

Provided that the application for revocation of cancellation of registration shall not be rejected unless the applicant has been given an opportunity of being heard.

(3) The revocation of cancellation of registration under the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be a revocation of cancellation of registration under this Act.

RULE 23. Revocation of cancellation of registration. — (1) A registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may submit an application for revocation of cancellation of registration, in **FORM GST REG-21***, to such proper officer, within a period of thirty days from the date of the service of the order of cancellation of registration at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner :

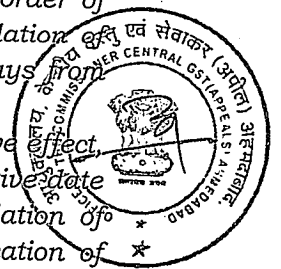
Provided that no application for revocation shall be filed, if the registration has been cancelled for the failure of the registered person to furnish returns, unless such returns are furnished and any amount due as tax, in terms of such returns, has been paid along with any amount payable towards interest, penalty and late fee in respect of the said returns :

[**Provided** further that all returns due for the period from the date of the order of cancellation of registration till the date of the order of revocation of cancellation of registration shall be furnished by the said person within a period of thirty days from the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration :

Provided also that where the registration has been cancelled with retrospective effect the registered person shall furnish all returns relating to period from the effective date of cancellation of registration till the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration within a period of thirty days from the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration.]

(2) (a) Where the proper officer is satisfied, for reasons to be recorded in writing, that there are sufficient grounds for revocation of cancellation of registration, he shall revoke the cancellation of registration by an order in **FORM GST REG-22*** within a period of thirty days from the date of the receipt of the application and communicate the same to the applicant.

(b) The proper officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, under circumstances other than those specified in clause (a), by an order in **FORM GST REG-05***, reject the



application for revocation of cancellation of registration and communicate the same to the applicant.

(3) The proper officer shall, before passing the order referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (2), issue a notice in **FORM GST REG-23*** requiring the applicant to show cause as to why the application submitted for revocation under sub-rule (1) should not be rejected and the applicant shall furnish the reply within a period of seven working days from the date of the service of the notice in **FORM GST REG-24***.

(4) Upon receipt of the information or clarification in **FORM GST REG-24***, the proper officer shall proceed to dispose of the application in the manner specified in sub-rule (2) within a period of thirty days from the date of the receipt of such information or clarification from the applicant.

10. Further, I find that the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, New Delhi has clarified the issue vide circular No. 99/18/2019-GST dated 23.04.2019. Para 3 of said circular read as under:

"3. First proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 23 of the said Rules provides that if the registration has been cancelled on account of failure of the registered person to furnish returns, no application for revocation of cancellation of registration shall be filed, unless such returns are furnished and any amount in terms of such returns is paid. Thus, where the registration has been cancelled with effect from the date of order of cancellation of registration, all returns due till the date of such cancellation are required to be furnished before the application for revocation can be filed. Further, in such cases, in terms of the second proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 23 of the said Rules, all returns required to be furnished in respect of the period from the date of order of cancellation till the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration have to be furnished within a period of thirty days from the date of the order of revocation."

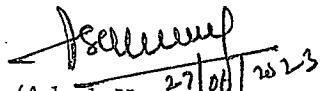
11. On going through the records/submissions, I find that the appellant has issued GSTIN registration certificate from 9.6.2022 and the same has been cancelled by the adjudicating authority with effect from 9.6.2022, so question of all returns due till the date of such cancellation are required to be furnished does not arise. However, the appellant submitted that they have not made any outward supply since the date of registration issued upto issuance of impugned order, so there is no GST/duty liability. Further, they have submitted the statement showing late fees paid Rs. 5,000/- for the returns for the period from June-2022 to April 2023.

Further, the "Appellant" submitted that the non-compliance of the filing of GST returns more than six month was first due to oversight by their group accountant and assured that this delay was an isolated incident and they are fully committed to complying with all GST rules and regulations if their GST registration number restored. They are agreed and committed to pay their all GST liabilities alongwith interest, penalty and late fees till date as per the GST Act. So, I find that the "Appellant" has complied with the above said provisions in the instant case, I am of the opinion that the appellant should not to suffer any more looking to the interest of government revenue. In view of the above, since the appellant has filed this appeal for restoration of their cancelled registration for continuing their business activity, in the interest of justice, fairness and government revenue, I allow this appeal to consider revocation of cancellation of their registration. Needless to say that the "Appellant" shall furnish all the returns relating to period till the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration within a period of thirty days from the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration.

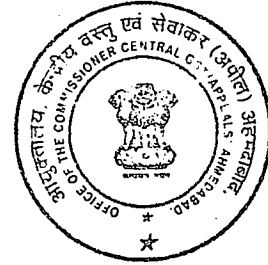


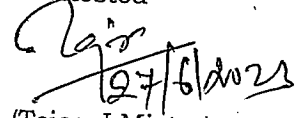
12. In view of above discussions, I am of the opinion that the registration of "Appellant" may be considered for revocation by the proper officer subject to due compliance of the conditions by the "Appellant" under Rule 23(1) of CGST Rules, 2017. Accordingly, I allow the appeal of the "Appellant" and order to the proper officer to consider the revocation application of the "Appellant" after due verification of payment particulars of tax, penalty, late fee, interest and status of returns.

13. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।
The appeals filed by the appellants stand disposed of in above terms.


(Adesh Kumar Jain)
27/06/2023
Joint Commissioner (Appeals)

Date: 27.06.2023



Attested

(Tejas J Mistry)
Superintendent
CGST Appeals, Ahmedabad

By R.P.A.D.

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