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(ख)	अपील आदेश संख्याऔर दिनांक / Order-In –Appeal and date	AHM-CGST-002-APP-JC-33/2023-24 and 31.07.2023
(ग)	पारित किया गया / Passed By	श्री आदेश कुमार जैन, संयुक्त आयुक्त (अपील) Shri Adesh Kumar Jain, Joint Commissioner (Appeals)
(ঘ)	जारी करने की दिनांक / Date of Issue	03.08.2023
(ङ)	Arising out of Order-In-Original No. ZA2403230625591 dated 14.03.2023 passed by The Superintendent, CGST, Range-V, Division-IV, Ahmedabad North Commissionerate	
(च)	अपीलकर्ता का नाम और पता / Name and Address of the Appellant	M/s Sadabkhan Aftabkhan Pathan (Nainsukh Crane). (GSTIN-24ASUPP0646B1ZR), 135/763, Gujarat Housing Board, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-380024
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ORDER IN APPEAL

Brief Facts of the Case :-

This appeal has been filed under Section 107 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") by M/s. Nainsukh Crane (Legal Name – Sadabkhan Aftabkhan Pathan, 135/763, Gujarat Housing Board, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-380024 (hereinafter referred to as "Appellant") against the Order No. ZA2403230625591 dated 14.03.2023 (hereinafter referred to as "Impugned Order") passed by the Superintendent, CGST, Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as "the Adjudicating Authority/Proper Officer").

- under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 vide GST Registration GSTIN 24ASUPP0646B1ZR. A Show Cause Notice was issued to the appellant vide reference number ZA2402230188203, dated 03.02.2023, wherein it was proposed that registration is liable to be cancelled for the reason "Failure to furnish returns for a continuous period of six months". Thereafter, the registration was cancelled vide impugned order under Section 29 of the CGST Act, 2017 on 14.03.2023 for the reason(s) "The tax payer was issued SCN on 03.02.2023 for not filing returns for a continuous period of six monthly. Nobody appear for P.H. Last GSTR filed for June 2021. Therefore proceed for cancellation of the said registration. You are requested to file all the pending GSTRs including GSTR 9/10 with interest, late fees and penalty. As per the impugned order the effective date of cancellation of registration is 01.07.2021.
- 3. Accordingly, the appellant has preferred the present appeal on 20.07.2023 for revocation of their cancelled registration. The appellant in the appeal memo stated that they have filed the GST return upto June 2021 but at the time passing of order there GSTR-3B return filled up to June 2022 and GSTR-1 return filled up to September -2022. They further stated that the cancellation of GST number was incorrect. That they will file all the pending GST return. Accordingly, the appellant has requested to allow their appeal for revocation of cancelled registration. The appellant

submitted that due to medical problems the present appeal could not filed by the due date and therefore requested to condone the delay in filing of present appeal.

Personal Hearing:-

Personal Hearing in the matter was held on 31.07.2023 wherein Mr. Sadabkhan A. Pathan appeared on behalf of the *appellant* as authorized representative. During PH he has stated that since his father was unwell so he couldn't file appeal and requested to condone delay. And now, they are ready to pay all dues including interest and late fee and requested to allow appeal.

Discussion and Findings:-

- 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.
- 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).** I observed that in the instant case that as against the *impugned order* of dated 14.03.2023, the appeal has been filed on 20.07.2023 i.e. appeal filed by delay 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(ii). In the present matter, the "impugned order" is of 14.03.2023 so, the normal appeal period of three months was available up to 14.06.2023 whereas, the present appeal is filed on 20.07.2023. Accordingly, in view of foregoing I find that the present appeal is filed beyond the time limit as prescribed under Section 107(1) of the CGST Act, 2017. Further, looking to the provisions of condonation of delay, I observed that even after condoning delay of filing of appeal for a further period of one month as per provisions of sub section (4) of Section 107 of the CGST Act, 2017 the last date for filing of appeal comes on 14.07.2023, whereas the present appeal is filed online on 20.07.2023.
- In view of foregoing, I find that the present appeal is filed beyond the time limit prescribed under the provisions of Section 107 of the CGST Act, 2017. Accordingly, I find that the further proceedings in case of present appeal can be taken up for consideration strictly as per the provisions contained in the CGST Act, 2017.
- I find that this appellate authority is a creature of the statute and has to act as per the provisions contained in the CGST Act. This appellate authority, therefore, cannot condone delay beyond the period permissible under the CGST Act. When the legislature has intended the appellate authority to entertain the appeal by condoning further delay of only one month, this appellate authority cannot go beyond the power

vested by the legislature. My views are supported by the following case laws:

- (i) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Singh Enterprises** reported as 2008 (221) E.L.T.163 (S.C.) has held as under:
 - "8. ...The proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 35 makes the position crystal clear that the appellate authority has no power to allow the appeal to be presented beyond the period of 30 days. The language used makes the position clear that the legislature intended the appellate authority to entertain the appeal by condoning delay only upto 30 days after the expiry of 60 days which is the normal period for preferring appeal. Therefore, there is complete exclusion of Section 5 of the Limitation Act. The Commissioner and the High Court were therefore justified in holding that there was no power to condone the delay after the expiry of 30 days period."
- (ii) In the case of Makjai Laboratories Pvt Ltd reported as 2011 (27 E.L.T. 48 (Bom.), the Hon'ble Bombay High Court held that the Commissioner (Appeals) cannot condone delay beyond further period of 30 days from initial period of 60 days and that provisions of Limitation Act, 1963 is not applicable in such cases as Commissioner (Appeals) is not a Court.
- (iii) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the case of Delta Impex reported as 2004 (173) E.L.T. 449 (Del) held that the Appellate authority has no jurisdiction to extend limitation even in a "suitable" case for a further period of more than thirty days.
- 10. I find that the provisions of Section 107 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 are *pari materia* with the provisions of Section 85 of the Finance Act, 1994 and Section 35 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 and hence, the above judgments would be squarely applicable to the present appeal also.
- 11. By respectfully following the above judgments, I hold that this appellate authority cannot condone delay beyond further period of one month as prescribed under proviso to Section 107(4) of the Act. Thus, the

appeal filed by the *appellant* is required to be dismissed on the grounds of limitation as not filed within the prescribed time limit in terms of the provisions of Section 107 of the CGST Act, 2017. I, accordingly, dismiss the present appeal.

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.

(Adesh kumar Jain)
Joint Commissioner (Appeals)

Date:31.07.2023

Date:31.07.2023

Attested

(Sandheer Kumar) Superintendent (Appeals)

By R.P.A.D.

To, M/s. Nainsukh Crane (Legal Name-Sadabkhan Aftabkhan Pathan), 135/763, Gujarat Housing Board, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-380024

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