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ख अपील आदेश संख्या : Order-In-Appeal No.. **AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-50 to 66-19-20**
दिनांक Date : **28/05/2019** जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue **04/06/2019**

श्री उमा शंकर, आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित

Passed by **Shri Uma Shanker** Commissioner (Appeals)

ग Arising out of Order-in-Original No. **GST/Div-VI/O&A/12/Narayan/AC/AMP/18-19** Dated **29/03/2019** Issued by **Assistant Commissioner**, Central GST, Div-VI, Ahmedabad North.

घ अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता
Name & Address of The Appellants

1. Shalinbhai Sudhakarbhai patel
2. Asheshbhai jashbhai Patel
3. Dipakbhai Chhotabhai patel HUF
4. Devalben Pranavbhai Patel
5. Narayan Litho Offset Works
6. Dineshbhai Chhotabhai Patel HUF
7. Chhotabhai Naranbhai Patel HUF
8. Sanjaybhai jashbhai patel
9. Jashbhai Chhotabhai Patel HUF
10. Mahendrabhai Chhotabhai Patel HUF
11. Rishibhai dineshbhai patel
12. Krishnakant Dipakbhai Patel
13. Geetaben Jigneshkumar Patel
14. Khushbuben Shalinbhai Patel
15. Pranavbhai Mahendrabhai Patel
16. Smitaben Dipak Bhai Patel
17. Sudhakar Chhotabhai Patel HUF



इस अपील आदेश से असंतुष्ट कोई भी व्यक्ति उचित प्राधिकारी को अपील निम्नलिखित प्रकार से कर सकता है:-

Any person aggrieved by this Order-in-Appeal may file an appeal to the appropriate authority in the following way :-

सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को अपील:-
Appeal To Customs Central Excise And Service Tax Appellate Tribunal :-

वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 के अंतर्गत अपील को निम्न के पास की जा सकती:-
Under Section 86 of the Finance Act 1994 an appeal lies to :-

पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठ सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण ओ. 20, न्यू मैन्टल
हास्पिटल कम्पाउण्ड, मेघाणी नगर, अहमदाबाद-380016

The West Regional Bench of Customs, Excise, Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at O-
20, New Mental Hospital Compound, Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad - 380 016.

(ii) अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 (1) के अंतर्गत अपील सेवाकर नियमावली, 1994 के नियम 9 (1) के अंतर्गत निर्धारित फार्म एस.टी.- 5 में चार प्रतियों में की जा सकेगी एवं उसके साथ जिस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील की गई हो उसकी प्रतियाँ भेजी जानी चाहिए (उनमें से एक प्रमाणित प्रति होगी) और साथ में जिस स्थान में न्यायाधिकरण का न्यायपीठ स्थित है, वहाँ के नामित सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र बैंक के न्यायपीठ के सहायक रजिस्ट्रार के नाम से रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में जहाँ सेवाकर की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या उससे कम है वहाँ रूपए 1000/- फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ सेवाकर की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या 50 लाख तक हो तो रूपए 5000/- फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ सेवाकर की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 50 लाख या उससे ज्यादा है वहाँ रूपए 10000/- फीस भेजनी होगी।

(ii) The appeal under sub section (1) of Section 86 of the Finance Act 1994 to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed in quadruplicate in Form S.T.5 as prescribed under Rule 9(1) of the Service Tax Rules 1994 and shall be accompanied by a copy of the order appealed against (one of which shall be certified copy) and should be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 1000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied is Rs. 5 Lakhs or less, Rs.5000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied is more than five lakhs but not exceeding Rs. Fifty Lakhs, Rs.10,000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied is more than fifty Lakhs rupees, in the form of crossed bank draft in favour of the Assistant Registrar of the bench of nominated Public Sector Bank of the place where the bench of Tribunal is situated.

(iii) वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 की उप-धाराओं एवं (2ए) के अंतर्गत अपील सेवाकर नियमावली, 1994 के नियम 9 (2ए) के अंतर्गत निर्धारित फार्म एस.टी.-7 में की जा सकेगी एवं उसके साथ आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क (अपील) के आदेश की प्रतियाँ (OIA) (उसमें से प्रमाणित प्रति होगी) और अपर आयुक्त, सहायक / उप आयुक्त अथवा अधीक्षक केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को आवेदन करने के निदेश देते हुए आदेश (OIO) की प्रति भेजनी होगी।

(iii) The appeal under sub section (2A) of the section 86 the Finance Act 1994, shall be filed in Form ST-7 as prescribed under Rule 9 (2A) of the Service Tax Rules, 1994 and shall be accompanied by a copy of order of Commissioner Central Excise (Appeals)(OIA)(one of which shall be a certified copy) and copy of the order passed by the Addl. / Joint or Dy. /Asstt. Commissioner or Superintendent of Central Excise & Service Tax (OIO) to apply to the Appellate Tribunal.

2. यथासंशोधित न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम, 1975 की शर्तों पर अनुसूची-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार मूल आदेश एवं स्थगन प्राधिकारी के आदेश की प्रति पर रु 6.50/- पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकट लगा होना चाहिए।

2. One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjudication authority shall bear a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 paise as prescribed under Schedule-I in terms of the Court Fee Act, 1975, as amended.

3. सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्यविधि) नियमावली, 1982 में चर्चित एवं अन्य संबंधित मामलों को सम्मिलित करने वाले नियमों की ओर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है।

3. Attention is also invited to the rules covering these and other related matters contained in the Customs, Excise and Service Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

4. सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय प्राधिकरण (सीस्तेत) के प्रति अपीलों के मामलों में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1984 की धारा 34फ के अंतर्गत वित्तीय(संख्या-2) अधिनियम 2014(2014 की संख्या 24) दिनांक: 06.04.2014 जो की वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1984 की धारा 13 के अंतर्गत सेवाकर को भी लागू की गई है, द्वारा निश्चित की गई पूर्व-राशि जमा करना अनिवार्य है, बशर्त कि इस धारा के अंतर्गत जमा की जाने वाली अपेक्षित देय राशि दस करोड़ रूपए से अधिक न हो

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर के अंतर्गत " माँग किए गए शुल्क " में निम्न शामिल है

(i) धारा 11 डी के अंतर्गत निर्धारित रकम



- (ii) सेनवैट जमा की ली गई गलत राशि
(iii) सेनवैट जमा नियमावली के नियम 6 के अंतर्गत देय रकम
⇒ आगे बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान वित्तीय (सं. 2) अधिनियम, 2014 के आरम्भ से पूर्व किसी अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधीन स्थगन अर्जी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होगा।

4. For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, it is mandatory to pre-deposit an amount specified under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2014 (No. 25 of 2014) dated 06.08.2014, under section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944 which is also made applicable to Service Tax under section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994 provided the amount of pre-deposit payable would be subject to ceiling of Rs. Ten Crores,

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.

⇒ Provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to the stay application and appeals pending before any appellate authority prior to the commencement of the Finance (No.2) Act, 2014.

4(1) इस संदर्भ में, 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।

4(1) 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.

रजिस्टर्ड डाक ए.डी. द्वारा

दूरभाष : 26305065



ORDER IN APPEAL

M/s.Narayan Litho works and others 16 as listed below and having office at Anision, 2nd Floor, Plot No 4/1, Swastik Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009 (*hereinafter referred to as 'the appellants'*) have filed the present appeals against the Order-in-Original number GST/D-VI/O&A/12/Narayan/AC/AMP/18-19 dated 29.03.2019 (*hereinafter referred to as 'the impugned order'*) passed by the Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division- VI, Ahmedabad-North, Ahmedabad (*hereinafter referred to as 'adjudicating authority'*).

- (1) M/s. Narayan Litho Offset Works
- (2) Shri Asheshbhai Jashbhai Patel
- (3) Shri Sanjaybhai Jashbhai Patel
- (4) Shri Shalinbhai Sudhakarbhai Patel
- (5) Smt. Khushbuben Shalinbhai Patel
- (6) Shri Pranavbhai Mahendrabhai Patel
- (7) Smt. Devalben Pranavbhai Patel
- (8) Shri Rishibhai Dineshbhai Patel
- (9) Smt. Geetaben Dineshbhai Patel
- (10) Shri Krishnakant Dipakbhai Patel
- (11) Smt. Smitaben Dipakbhai Patel
- (12) Shri Jashbhai Chhotabhai Patel, Karta of HUF Chhotabhai Naranbhai Patel
- (13) Shri Jashbhai Chhotabhai Patel, Karta of HUF Jashbhai Chhotabhai Patel
- (14) Shri Sudhakarbhai Chhotabhai Patel Karta of HUF Sudhakarbhai Chhotabhai Patel
- (15) Shri Mahendrabhai Chhotabhai Patel, Karta of HUF Mahendrabhai Chhotabhai Patel
- (16) Shri Dineshbhai Chhotabhai Patel, Karta of HUF Dineshbhai Chhotabhai Patel
- (17) Shri Dipakbhai Chhotabhai Patel, Karta of HUF Dipakbhai Chhotabhai Patel

2. The facts of the case, in brief, are that it had been noticed by the department that the above (17) persons (referred to as "The AOP" i.e. "The Association of Persons") all having office at Anision, 2nd Floor, Plot No 4/1, Swastik Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009 have given jointly owned office situated at 301, 302, 303, 'Avdshesh House', opposite



Gurudwara, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad, on lease to M/s Astron Research Ltd, Ahmedabad (herein after referred to as lessee). Whereas the AOP as an independent person was neither registered with the service tax department nor charging service tax to the lessee by claiming separate exemption under Notification No. 6/2005-ST dated 01.03.2005.

2.1. The Lessee used the said premises for commercial purpose therefore the rental income received by the AOP was taxable under the category of "Renting of Immovable Property Service" as defined under Section 65 (90a) of the Finance Act, 1994, which was a taxable service as per Section 65(105)(zzzz) of the Act. All members of the AOP had separately entered into a Lease and Licence Agreement dated 05.12.2008 and 05.12.2009 with M/s. Astron Research Ltd. for renting said co-owned property. The AOP is claiming that the rental income received/collected individually by the AOP, for the above property for the period, i.e., 2009-10 to 2013-14 did not exceed the threshold limit of the Small Scale exemption for all above mentioned financial years, therefore liability of the AOP to pay service tax for the said period did not arise. Accordingly they had not obtained the Service Tax Registration under "Renting of Immovable Property Service".

2.2. The AOP, as an independent person, was neither registered with the service tax department nor charging service tax to the lessee by claiming separate exemption under Notification No. 6/2005-ST dated 01/03/2005. As per revenue department it is rendering of an indivisible single service of renting and tax liability should be discharge by the AOP on single amount arrived by summation of all individual receipt. The AOP received total rent of Rs. 1,61,73,982/- for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-2014. Accordingly, the AOP was required to pay service Tax amounting to Rs. 18,17,781/- during the said period. In view of above, the Show Cause Notice dated 1.7.2014 was issued to all the members of the AOP. Show Cause Notice dated 1.7.2014 was adjudicated by the Additional Commissioner, Service Tax, Ahmedabad vide OIO No. AHM-SVTAX-000-ADC-013-15-16 dated 30.10.2015 wherein the demand was dropped. Being aggrieved with the impugned order the revenue preferred an appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals-II), Ahmedabad.

2.3. The Commissioner (Appeals-II) vide OIA No. AHM-SVTAX-000-APP-0242-16-17 dated 15.03.2017 remanded the case. The Addl. Commissioner, CGST & CE, Ahmedabad-North decided the remanded case and confirmed



the following vide the Order-in-Original number 09/ADC/2018/RMG dated 27.03.2018 -

- (a) interest under Section 75 of the Finance Act 1994;
- (b) imposed Penalties under Section 77(1)(a),(b) & (e);
- (c) also imposed penalties under Section 77(2) and Section 78 of the Finance Act 1994;
- (d) imposed late fee for each return under rule 7C read with Section 70 of the Finance Act, 1994.

2.4. Aggrieved by the Order-in-Original number 09/ADC/2018/RMG dated 27.03.2018, the appellants had filed the Appeals before the Commissioner (Appeals). The Commissioner (Appeals) decided the case vide its OIA No. AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-89 to 105-18-19 dated 25.10.2018.

3. Further, the department had also called for the details regarding rent paid to the appellants for the subsequent period 2015-16 and 2016-17 from M/s Astron Research Ltd., Ahmedabad (Now merged with M/s Intas Pharmaceutical Ltd, Ahmedabad). Details of rent payment to the appellants for the financial year 2015-16 and for the period of April, 2016 to July, 2017 were given to the department as mentioned below.

Name of Service Provider	Amount of Rent received by individual for the year 2015-16 (in Rs.)	Amount of Rent received by individual during April, 2016 to July, 2017 (in Rs.)
Chhotabhai Narainbhai Patel HUF	206621	63932
Rishibhai Dineshbhai Patel	247923	76712
Smitaben Dipakbhai Patel	247923	76712
Krishnakant Dipakbhai Patel	247923	76712
Gitaben Dineshbhai Patel	247923	76712
Devalben Pranavbhai Patel	247923	76712
Pranavbhai Mahendrabhai Patel	247923	76712
Khushbuben Shaileshbhai Patel	247923	76712
Shalinbhai Sudhakarbhai Patel	247923	76712
Sanjaybhai Jashbhai Patel	247923	76712
Asheshbhai Jashbhai Patel	247923	76712
Narayan Litho Offset Works	206621	63932
Mahendrabhai C. Patel HUF	247923	76712
Dineshbhai Chhotabhai Patel HUF	247923	76712
Dipakbhai Chhotabhai Patel HUF	247923	76712
Sudhakar Chhotabhai Patel HUF	247923	76712
Jashbhai Chhotabhai Patel HUF	247923	76712
Total	4132123	1278556



4. Subsequently, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the appellants for the subsequent period from 01.04.2015 to 31.07.2016. The SCN sought to recover the service tax of Rs. 7,63,537/-(inclusive of Cess) under proviso to Section 73(1) of the Finance Act, 1994, along with interest in terms of Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994. The SCN further sought to impose penalties under Section 76, 77(1)(a), 77(1)(b), 77(1)(e) and 77(2) of the Finance Act, 1994 for contraventions of different provisions of the Finance Act, 1994. The SCN also sought to recover Late Fee under Rule 7C of Service Tax Rules, 1994 read with Section 70 of the Finance Act, 1994. The Show Cause Notice was adjudicated by the adjudicating authority vide the impugned order, wherein the adjudicating authority has confirmed the demand of Service Tax of Rs. 7,63,537/- under proviso to Section 73(1) of the Finance Act, 1994 along with interest in terms of Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994; imposed penalties under Section 76, 77(1)(a) and (b), 77(1)(e) and 77(2) of the Finance Act, 1994 for contraventions of different provisions of the Finance Act, 1994; imposed Late Fee of Rs. 20,000/- for each ST-3 return under Section 70 of the Finance Act, 1994.

5. Aggrieved of the same, the appellants have filed these Appeals. In the grounds of appeals the appellants mainly submitted that:

(a) The impugned order has not given any justification as to how the co-owners are considered to be AOP in the facts of the case. The impugned order denying the general exemption to the appellants by confirming demand on AOP and imposing penalty is illegal and deserves to be set aside.

(b) Each co-owner has separately leased out his share of the premises to the lessee and the permission of the other co-owner is not required and each co-owner is having right to possess, right to enjoy and right to dispose of his share of the property.

(c) The appellants were eligible for the benefit of exemption from payment of service tax up to the taxable value of Rs. 10.00 lakhs in a financial year.

(d) That there was a reasonable cause and bonafide belief on the part of the appellants that the service tax was not payable and general exemption was available individually to each co-owner, is not clearly understood by the adjudicating authority.



(e) Even the calculation of service tax has not been done on cum-tax basis as the service tax has neither been charged nor has been recovered.

(f) There is no malafide intention on the part of the appellants and there is no intend to evade payment of tax. Thus, no penalty can be levied under section 78 or section 77, etc.

(g) The Hon'ble CESTAT, Ahmedabad in the matter of 'Sarojben Khusalchand vs Commissioner of Service tax, Ahmedabad' reported in 2017(4) G.S.T.L 159(Tri. Ahmd.), has allowed the appeal in a similar case.

(h) Cited various case laws in support of their submissions and requested to set aside the impugned order.

6. The appellants have submitted letters of dated 20.05.2019 along with their appeals and they have informed vide their letters that "for the similar issue in my case for earlier period of F.Y. 2014-15 personal hearing has already been attended on my behalf on 15.05.2019 wherein it was requested to drop the demand as a completely covered matter. Therefore, this appeal may also be considered alongwith the personal hearing held on 15.05.2019 with a request to drop the demand in this case also." Hence, I take in consideration the personal hearing held on 15.05.2019 for the present appeals. On 15.05.2019, Shri P. P. Jadeja had appeared before me on behalf of the appellants and had reiterated the contents of appeal memorandum. He had also said that the decision of Hon'ble CESTAT, Ahmedabad in the matter of 'Sarojben Khusalchand vs Commissioner of Service tax, Ahmedabad' and decision of Hon'ble CESTAT, Mumbai in the matter of 'Sambhaji Pandurang Hulawale vs Commissioner of C.Ex., Pune-I' were not considered.

7. I have carefully gone through the records of the case and the submissions given in the grounds of appeals and citation referred in the appeals. I find that the same issue in the case of these appellants have already been decided by me vide OIA No. AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-89 to 105-18-19 dated 25.10.2018 for the period from 2009-10 to 2013-14 and the present appeals belongs to the subsequent period of April, 2016 to July, 2017 on the same issue and for the same appellants. Since the issue and appellants are the same, some operative paras of my OIA No. AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-89 to 105-18-19 dated 25.10.2018 are reproduced below:



"6. The Commissioner (Appeals) vide OIA No. AHM-SVTAX-000-APP-0242-16-17 dated 15.03.2017 remanded the case back to the original adjudicating authority and held that-

Under para 8 of the OIA: "Hence, I hold that the service rendered is indivisible and it is to be treated as a single service rendered collectively. So, the benefit of SSI exemption under Notification number 8/2008-ST as amended can be availed by the appellants only in the form of AOP and not as individual partners. In view of the definition of the service and the nature of service provided by the appellants, I hold that the service of Renting of the property as stated above by the appellants fall under the category of "Renting of Immovable Property Service" and the rent for the said property received by them is taxable under the said service. Accordingly, the total rent received by the respondent is well beyond the threshold limit of exemption and therefore, the respondent are liable to pay Service Tax with appropriate interest under section 75 of FA, 1994, on the rent income received by them as AOP."

Under para 10 of the OIA: "since the period involved in the present case is after 16.05.2008, penalty under Section 78 is imposable. I hold that imposition of penalty under Section 76 *ibid* is not sustainable in the eyes of law. I find that respondent have not taken registration, have not correctly assessed their liability and have not filed ST-3, therefore they are liable for penalty under section 77. To decide the quantum of all penalty and interest under section 75 proposed under SCN, keeping in mid facts of the case and my above conclusion, I remand the case back to original adjudicating authority."

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10. I have carefully gone through the records of the case and the submissions given in the grounds of appeals and citation referred in the appeals. It is evident that the Lessee used the said premises for commercial purpose therefore the rental income received by the AOP was taxable under the category of "Renting of Immovable Property Service" as defined under Section 65 (90a) of the Finance Act, 1994, which was a taxable service as per Section 65(105)(zzzz) of the Act. They were engaged in providing 'Renting of Immovable Property Service' without discharging their proper tax liability on the rent collected in respect of commercial property rented by them and the AOP, as an independent person, was neither registered with the service tax department nor



charging service tax to the lessee by claiming separate exemption under Notification No. 6/2005-ST dated 01/03/2005. As per the provisions of the Finance Act, 1994 and rules made thereunder, the Service Provider was required to assess correct value for the service provided by them as well as to pay service tax on the amount received by them for rendering Renting of Immovable property service on due time as prescribed and to follow all the procedure laid down in the Act and Rules. It is further observed that the said service provider has not obtained service tax registration as required under Section 69 of the Finance Act, 1994 and they have not discharged their service tax liability and hence evaded service tax payment as mentioned in para supra.

11. Further, I find that the taxability has already been upheld in the said OIA and the case had been remanded to the adjudicating authority to decide the quantum of interest and penalties proposed under the SCN. It was also held in the OIA that imposition of penalty under Section 76 ibid is not sustainable in the eyes of law. Therefore, the adjudicating authority had to decide the quantum of interest and penalties proposed under the SCN, as per direction given in the OIA.

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13. In view of the above, I find that -

(i) the AOP have failed to take registration in accordance with the provisions of section 69 or rules made under this Chapter, therefore the adjudicating authority has rightly imposed penalty under section 77 (1) (a) of the Finance Act, 1994.

(ii) the AOP have failed to keep, maintain or retain books of account and other documents as required in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter or the rules made thereunder, therefore the adjudicating authority has rightly imposed penalty under section 77 (1) (b) of the Finance Act, 1994.

(iii) the AOP have issued invoice in accordance with the provisions of the Act or rules made thereunder, with incorrect or incomplete details or fails to account for an invoice in his books of account, therefore the adjudicating authority has rightly imposed penalty under section 77 (1) (e) of the Finance Act, 1994.



(iv) when other penalties are available to be imposed, then I don't find any requirement to impose penalty under section 77 (2) of the Finance Act, 1994. Therefore, I drop the penalty imposed under section 77 (2) of the Finance Act, 1994.

(v) the AOP have suppressed the taxable value and facts with the intent to evade payment of service tax, therefore the adjudicating authority has rightly imposed penalty under section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994.

(vi) the AOP have not filed the prescribed ST-3 returns for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14, therefore they are liable for late fee for non/delayed filing of Service Tax returns in terms of Section 70 read with Rule 7C of Service Tax Rules, 1994.

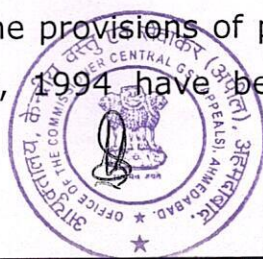
(vii) the AOP is also liable to pay interest at appropriate rate under Section 75 of the Finance Act 1994.

14. I observe that the appellants have cited some judgments in support of their defense. On examination of the same, I find that the same are either concerned with the taxability or not relevant to the present situation. Since taxability has already been confirmed in my previous OIA No. AHM-SVTAX-000-APP-0242-16-17 dated 15.03.2017 and the present issue involves only with the quantum of interest and penalties proposed under the SCN, the judgments relied upon would not help the appellants cause. "

8. In the present appeals, I find that the adjudicating authority has confirmed the demand of Service Tax of Rs. 7,63,537/- under proviso to Section 73(1) of the Finance Act, 1994 along with interest in terms of Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994. The adjudicating authority has also imposed penalties under Section 76, 77(1)(a) and (b), 77(1)(e) and 77(2) of the Finance Act, 1994 for contraventions of different provisions of the Finance Act, 1994. Late Fee of Rs. 20,000/- for each ST-3 return under Section 70 of the Finance Act, 1994 has also been imposed.

9. In view of the above and following the stand taken by me in earlier OIA No. AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-89 to 105-18-19 dated 25.10.2018, I find that the appellants are liable to pay Service Tax with appropriate interest under section 75 of FA, 1994, on the rent income received by them as AOP.

10. Further, I find that the provisions of penalty covered under Section 76 & 78 of the Finance Act, 1994 have been amended/substituted by the



Finance Act, 2015 and in view of amended/substituted provisions, I find that the adjudicating authority has rightly imposed penalties under Section 76, 77(1)(a) & (b) and 77(1)(e) of the Finance Act, 1994 for contraventions of different provisions of the Finance Act, 1994. I don't find any requirement to impose penalty under section 77 (2) of the Finance Act, 1994 and therefore, I drop the penalty imposed under section 77 (2) of the Finance Act, 1994. I find that the appellants are liable for late fee also for non/delayed filing of Service Tax returns in terms of Section 70 read with Rule 7C of Service Tax Rules, 1994.

11. In view of my above discussions and findings, the appeals are disposed off accordingly.

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

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

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