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(क)	फ़ाइल संख्या / File No.	GAPPL/COM/STP/2244/2023/642 - 46		
(ख)	अपील आदेश संख्याऔर दिनांक / Order-In –Appeal and date	AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-170/23-24 and 26.12.2023		
(ग)	पारित किया गया / Passed By	श्री ज्ञानचंद जैन, आयुक्त (अपील) Shri Gyan Chand Jain, Commissioner (Appeals)		
(ঘ)	जारी करने की दिनांक / Date of Issue	04.01.2024		
(ङ)		Original No. 329/AC/Demand/2022-23 dated The Assistant Commissioner, CGST Division-I,		
(च)	अपीलकर्ता का नाम और पता / Name and Address of the Appellant	Pratham Construction A-1101/1102, Sankalp Iconic Tower, Opp. ISRO ColonyNear New York Timber, Iskon-Ambli Road Vikramnagar, Ahmedabad - 380058		

कोई व्यक्ति इस अपील-आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे बताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को अपील अथवा पुनरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकता है, जैसा कि ऐसे आदेश के विरुद्ध हो 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:-

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:

(क) 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 मे हो माल की प्रकिया के दौरान हुई हो।

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.

(ख) 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 मामलें में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित है।

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.

(ग) यदि शुल्क का भुगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान की) निर्यात किया गया माल हो।

In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of duty.

(घ) अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो ड्यूटी केडिट 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।

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.

(2) 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 दिनाँक 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.

(3) रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम होतो रूपये 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 :-
- (2) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद में बताएं अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलों के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में 2<sup>nd</sup> माला, बहुमाली भवन, असरवा, गिरधरनागर, अहमदाबाद-380004।

To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at 2<sup>nd</sup>floor, Bahumali Bhawan, Asarwa, Girdhar Nagar, Ahmedabad: 380004. In case of appeals other than as mentioned above para.

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. Registar 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 ओदश 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 हैं।

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 संषोधित की अनुसूची -1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूलआदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रतिपर रू 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 in invited to the rules covering these and other related matter contended in the Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

(6) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट) एके प्रति अपीलों 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)।

- (1) खंड (Section) 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि:
- (2) लिया गलत सेनवैट क्रेडिट की राशिय:
- (3) सेनवैट क्रेडिट नियमों के नियम 6 के तहत देय राशि।

यह पूर्व जमा ' लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तुलना मेंए 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.

(6) (i) 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

M/s. Pratham Construction, A-1101/1102, Sankalp Iconic Tower, Opp. ISRO Colony, Near New York Tower, Iskon – Ambali Road, Vikramnagar, Ahmedabad-380058 (hereinafter referred to as 'the appellant') have filed the present appeal against the Order-in-Original No. 329/AC/DEMAND/22-23 dated 22.12.2022, (in short 'impugned order') passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central GST, Division-I, Ahmedabad North (hereinafter referred to as 'the adjudicating authority'). The appellant were engaged in providing taxable service and were holding Service Tax Registration No.AAKFP2969FSD001.

2. The facts of the case, in brief, are that on the basis of the data received from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for the F.Y. 2015-16, it was noticed that the appellant in the ITR/Form-26 AS has earned taxable income on which no service tax was discharged. Letters were, therefore, issued to the appellant to explain the reasons for non-payment of tax and to provide certified documentary evidences for said period. The appellant neither provided any documents nor submitted any reply justifying the non-payment of service tax on such receipts. The detail of the income is as under;

#### Table-A

F.Y.	Higher Value	Service tax rate	Service Tax liability
	difference between		
	value shown in Form-		
	26AS and value		
	as per ITR		
2015-16	12,22,702/-	14.5%	1,77,292/-

- **2.1** A Show Cause Notice (SCN) No. AR-II/Pratham/ST/Reg/15-16 dated 29.12.2020 was therefore issued to the appellant proposing recovery of service tax amount of Rs.1,77,292/- along with interest under Section 73(1) and Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994, respectively. Imposition of penalties under Section 70, Section 76 and Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994 were also proposed.
- 2.2 The said SCN was adjudicated vide the impugned order, wherein the service tax demand of Rs.1,77,292/- was confirmed alongwith interest. Penalty under Section 76 was dropped however penalty of Rs. 1,77,292/- was imposed under Section 78 of the F.A., 1994. Late fee of Rs.20,000/- was also imposed under Section 70.
- 3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, the appellant preferred the present appeal on the grounds elaborated below:-
  - The adjudicating authority has not considered the return filled by the applicant in ST-3 and the sales booked in the books of account are in consonance. As per ST-3 return in (April to September 2015) the value of Rs. 55,34,448/- and for (October 2015 to March 2016) the value of St. 55,68,690/- i.e. total value of

Rs.91,03,138/- was same amount was shown in the Income Tax return & Ledgers also.

- As per the 26AS for the financial year 15-16, the amounts deducted under Section 194C of the Income Tax Act, 1961, amounts to Rs.83,22,932/- which is less than what has been offered by assessee to Income Tax department as well as service tax department. Thus, there is no difference as far as the amount as per Income Tax and amount as per ST-3 returns and that the amount as per 26AS is less than what is shown in ST-3 returns. Thus, in the OIO as well as in the SCN, it is stated that there is a difference, however, looking to the evidence, the assessee could not find the difference as stated by the Ld. Adjudicating authority.
- ➤ Appellant has also filled the Service tax return for the financial year 2015-16 showing the same amounts i.e Rs. 91,03,138/- in the column B 1.1 gross amounts of Taxable receipts; the detailed bifurcation is provided as under and the copy of the service tax return is also attached. There is no difference between in the Sales mentioned in the books of accounts and service tax return for the financial year 2015-16.
- Further, as per the 26AS (TDS) the amount of TDS is deducted is Rs. 83,22,932/-however, the amount shown in the Service Tax Return is Rs. 91,03,138/-2, which is far higher than the amount shown in the 26AS for the F.Y. 2015-16.
- As the information/data received from CBDT, shows that the said Noticee had declared the value of Service Tax in their S.T-3 Returns therefore there is no reason of- (a) fraud; or (b) collusion; or (c) wilfulmis-statement; or (d) suppression of facts; or (e) contravention of any of the provisions of this Chapter or of the rules made thereunder with intent to evade payment of service tax, Therefore, it is not correct to say that there can be suppression or misstatement of fact, which is not willful and yet constitutes a permissible ground for invoking the proviso to section 11A- Sarabhai M Chemicals v CCE 2005 179 ELT 3 (SC 3 member bench). 19. In the OIO, no specific charge has been made for invoking extended period of limitation and on this ground the SCN is time barred.
- ➤ In the present case, the SCN as well as OIO is factually incorrect that there is a difference in the value stated as per service tax and as per Income Tax Returns or Form 26AS, as a reason, the SCN and OIO is factually incorrect and is vague, therefore, the SCN deserves to be set aside on the ground that the same is not clear and factually incorrect. The SCN does not specify the activity under which the charge has been framed. Therefore, the order is not a speaking order.
- > As there is no levy of the Service Tax on the business activity of the appellant, no interest shall be payable under Section 75 of the Act.
- > Penalty under section 78 is not imposable when invocation of extended period is not sustainable. This principle was followed that the state of the section 78 is not imposable when invocation of extended period is

- o Smt. Shirisht Dhawan v Shaw Brothers 1992 (1) SCC 534
- o Apex Electricals (P.) Ltd v UOI (1992) 61 ELT 413 (Hon' Gujarat High Court)
- o Balsara Extrusions v CCE (2001) 131 ELT 586 (CEGAT)
- o Ranka Wires v CCE (2005) 187 ELT 374 (CESTAT)
- o Pioneer Electronics v CCE (2005) 189 ELT 71 (CESTAT)

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- 5. Personal hearing in the matter was held on 12.12.2023. Shri Rohan Thakkar, Chartered Accountant appeared for personal hearing on behalf of the appellant and reiterated the submissions made in the appeal. He stated that they have submitted additional submissions via e-mail today at 3:07 pm. He reiterated the contents of the written submission and requested to allow the appeal.
- **5.1** In the additional submission, they submitted Ledgers of PHED-Falna(Rajasthan), GVPR Engineer Ltd, PHED-Jodhpur (Rajasthan) and a reconciliation statement to substantiate their claim that there is no difference in income.

TABLE-A

	Tota	al Amount as	per 26AS				1258956
Less	Am	ount pertains	to earlier years				
	3	JDHP02058A	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	2027454	6/19/2015	20275	2027454
	1	HYDG00957F	GVPR ENGINEERRS LTD	3000000	4/30/2015	60000	300000
	1	HYDN00212C	NCC LIMITED	174757	4/30/2015	3495	174757
	3	JDHO01274A	OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,	947218	6/30/2015	18944	947218
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TABLE-B

SI.	Tax Deduction	Name of the	Amount	Date of	Total tax	Remarks
No.	Account	Deductor	paid	Payment	deducted	
140.	Number		/credited	/Credit		•
	(TAN) of the					
	Deductor					
1.		STATE BANK OF	16295	31/03/2016	1630	Not taxable as it is
1.		INDIA	•			interest which is
		1140171	. !			exempt
2.	JDHS01431D	STATE BANK OF	4039	30/09/2015	404	Not taxable as it is
2.	1003014310	INDIA		, .		interest which is
		ווייסזע ָ		1		exempt
ļ		Sub-Total (TAN)	20334		2034	
1	MUMK01323	KOTAK		31/03/2016	443	Not taxable as it is
1.	A	MAHINDRA				interest which is
1	A	BANK LIMITED				exempt
	MUMK01323	KOTAK	4440	28/02/2016	444	Not taxable as it is
2.		MAHINDRA				interest which is
	A	BANK LIMITED				exempt
	N 41 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	KOTAK	122	04/01/2016	12	Not taxable as it is
3.	MUMK01323	MAHINDRA		,, 52, 2520		interest which is
	A	BANK LIMITED				exempt
	1 11 11 11 11 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12		3186	22/12/2015	319	Not taxable as it is
4.	MUMK01323	MAHINDRA	3100	22/12/2011		interest which is
	Α	BANK LIMITED				exempt
<u> </u>	1 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 1	l	436	7 28/11/2015	5 43	7 Not taxable as it is
5.	MUMK01323	MAHINDRA	. 450.	20/11/2011		interest which is
-	A	BANK LIMITED		· i		exempt
			1/01	3 17/10/201	5 140	1 Not taxable as it is
6.	MUMK01323		. 1401	1//10/201	3	interest which is
ł	A	MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED		, .	.	exempt
			1596	2 28/09/201	5 158	6 Not taxable as it is
7.			1300	20/03/201		interest which is
	A	MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED				exempt
	1000000		3000	8 28/08/201	5 310	00 Not taxable as it is
8.	Į.	4	3099	20/00/201		interest which is
-	A	MAHINDRA				exempt
		BANK LIMITED	68	37 14/06/201	5 6	59 Not taxable as it is
9	l l	1	00	14/00/201		interest which is
	A	MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED	•		ļ .	exempt
		_	1828	32 25/05/201	5 182	28 Not taxable as it is
10	1	MAHINDRA	1020			interest which is
'	A	BANK LIMITED				exempt
_		Sub-Total (TAN	1) 9638	31	963	
		Total (Section	-7		116	
<u></u>	LIVECOOFT		30000			00 In the Income Tax,
1	HYDG00957	ENGINEERRS LT	l			the revenue has been
		LIAOTIAEFIZIZO EL				booked in FY 2014-
						15. However, TDS has
	}	İ		•		been deducted in FY
						2015-16 by the
-						supplier on payment
l i					-	basis, hence, reflected
.   '						in 26AS of 2015-16.
ļ		Sub-Total (TA	N) 30000	00 00 The CE	600	
L		Sup-Total (TA	30000	7/4	100	

Γ	1.	HYDN00212C	NCC LIMITED ·	174757	30/04/2015	3495	In the Income Tax,
					]		the revenue has been
				,			booked in FY 2014-
				•	ļ		15. Without
İ					 		prejudice, even
							otherwise, the
ŀ			Colo Total (TAN)	474757		2.00	income is exempt
-			Sub-Total (TAN)			3495	1.
	1.	JDHE00510G	EXECUTIVE	510401	30/09/2015	10208	Reflected in ST-3
			ENGINEER				return. The activity is
			P.H.E.D. DISTRICT		}		exempt
			RURAL DIVISION				
			AJMER	,		•	•
			Sub-Total (TAN)	510401		10208	
r	1.	JDHO01274A	OFFICE OF THE	776666	31/03/2016	15533	Shown in ST-3 return.
			EXECUTIVE	•			Even otherwise, the
Ī		*	ENGINEER,				activity is exempt
-	2.	JDHO01274A	OFFICE OF THE	279024	28/02/2016	55840	Shown in ST-3 return.
			EXECUTIVE				Even otherwise, the
			ENGINEER,				activity is exempt.
							The deductor has
							shown the value of
	İ	l					supply as 279024
							instead of 2792024.
-	3.	JDHO01274A	OFFICE OF THE	0/17218	30/06/2015	18044	Income has been
	3.		EXECUTIVE	. 341210	30/00/2013	103-1-1	booked in FY 2014-15
	ľ	-	ENGINEER,				and TDS has been
			ENGINEER,				booked in FY 2015-
							16. Even otherwise,
							the activity is exempt.
ŀ				٠			
							Refer Ledger PHED-
L		· .	C 1 T ( 1 (TAN)			00247	Falna (Rajasthan).
_			Sub-Total (TAN)	2002908	12/10/2017	90317	
	1.	JDHP02058A	PUBLIC HEALTH	2374047	13/12/2015	92755	Shown in ST-3 return.
			ENGINEERING				Even otherwise, the
L			DEPARTMENT				activity is exempt
	2.	JDHP02058A	PUBLIC HEALTH	2500000	28/09/2015	25000	Shown in ST-3 return.
			ENGINEERING				Even otherwise, the
	.		DEPARTMENT				activity is exempt
$\lceil$	3.	JDHP02058A	PUBLIC HEALTH	2027454	19/06/2015	20275	Income has been
			ENGINEERING				booked in FY 2014-15
			DEPARTMENT				and TDS has been
				·			booked in FY 2015-
							16. Refer Ledger
			,				PHED Jodhpur
							(Rajasthan).
			Sub-Total (TAN)	6901501		138030	
			Total (Section)	12589567		302050	
r			Grand Total	12706282		313723	
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5.2 They have claimed that the appellant has executed the agreement with Office of the Executive Engineer, PHED Division, Falna, for work of construction of high reservoir switch room and laying of pipeline etc. in village Ranikala. The copy of the said contract is submitted. Further, they claim that they are also eligible for exemption under clause

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- 12(e) of Notification No.25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 as the services were provided to the government and/or the local authority for the Pipeline, conduit or plant for (i) water supply (ii) water treatment, or (iii) sewerage treatment or disposal then the same is exempt from the service Tax. The PHED (Public Health Engineering Department) Falna is government department of the Rajasthan state. Hence, the services provided under the said contract are exempt.
- 6. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case, the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, submissions made by the appellant in the appeal memorandum and in the additional submission as well as those made during personal hearing. The issue to be decided in the present case is whether the service tax demand of Rs.1,77,292/- rejected vide the impugned order, in the facts and circumstances of the case, is legal and proper or otherwise. Period of dispute involved is F.Y.2015-16.
- have filed their ST-3 returns. In the ST-3 returns for (April to September, 2015) & (October to March, 2016) they have shown the taxable value of Rs.55,34,448/- & Rs.35,68,690/- respectively, which brings to the total of Rs. 91,03,138/- . In the return they have also claimed the benefit of exemption under clause 12(e) notification No.25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012. Further, the income of Rs. 91,03,138/- is also reflected in their Profit & Loss Account under Works Contract Income. However, in Form-26 AS they have reflected following incomes.

Income received		
3000000		
174757		
510401		
2002908		
4637774		
20334		
96381		
10,44,255/-		

- 6.2 The appellant in Table-A & Table B have made various claims justifying the difference in the value reflected in ITR, Form-26AS and ST-3 returns and have also claimed that some of the activities are exempted. They claim that some the revenue has been booked in FY 2014-15 but TDS has been deducted in F.Y 2015-16 by the supplier on payment basis, hence, reflected in 26AS of 2015-16.
- 7. I find that entire demand was decided ex-parte as the appellant neither filed any defence reply nor appeared before the adjudicating authority for personal hearing, hence, their above claims could not be examined. In the interest of justice, I find that it would be proper to remand the matter to the adjudicating authority who shall pass the order after examining the documents and verification of the claim made by the appellant. The appellant is also directed to submit all the relevant documents and details to the adjudicating authority, in support of their contentions. The adjudicating authority shall decide the case afresh on merits and accordingly pass a reasoned order, following the principles of natural justice.

**8.** In view of my above discussion and findings, I set-aside the impugned order and allow the appeal filed by the appellant by way of remand.

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

> (ज्ञानचंद जैन) आयुक्त(अपील्स)

Date: 26 · 12.2023

**Attested** 



(रेखा नायर) अधीक्षक (अपील्स) केंद्रीय जीटी .एस ., अहमदाबाद



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