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(क)	फाइल संख्या / File No.	GAPPL/COM/STP/4035/2023 / 1687-91
(ख)	अपील आदेश संख्या और दिनांक / Order-In -Appeal and date	AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-192/23-24 and 24.01.2024
(ग)	पारित किया गया / Passed By	श्री ज्ञानचंद जैन, आयुक्त (अपील) Shri Gyan Chand Jain, Commissioner (Appeals)
(घ)	जारी करने की दिनांक / Date of Issue	31.01.2024
(ङ)	Arising out of Order-In-Original No. 647/AC/DEMAND/22-23 dated 28.3.2023 passed by The Assistant Commissioner, CGST Division-I, Ahmedabad North	
(च)	अपीलकर्ता का नाम और पता / Name and Address of the Appellant	Niraj Harilal Koradia C/602, Shyam Avirahi, Nr. Suyog 99 Opp. Vasani International School, Nikol Naroda Road Saijpur Bogha, Ahmedabad - 382345

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 में हो माल की प्रक्रिया 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 मामले 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 को) 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 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।

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 दिनांक 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 रुपये या उससे कम होतो रुपये 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.

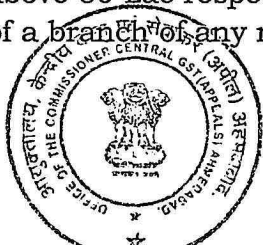
सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:-
Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(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 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।

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 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. Registrar of a branch of any nominate public sector bank of the



(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 अनुसूची -1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूलआदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रतिपर 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.

(6) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट) एके प्रति अपीलो 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 राशि;
- (3) 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.

(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. Niraj Harilal Koradia, C/602, Shyam Avirahi, Near Suyog 99, Opp-Vasani International School, Nikol Naroda Road, Saijpur Bogha, Ahmedabad -382345 (*hereinafter referred to as "the appellant"*) have filed the present appeal against Order-in-Original No.647/AC/DEMAND/2022-23 dated 28.3.2023 (*hereinafter referred to as "the impugned order"*) passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central GST, Division-I, Ahmedabad North (*hereinafter referred to as "the adjudicating authority"*). The appellant are holding PAN No. BWEPK5729D.

2. Briefly stated the facts of the case are that on scrutiny of the data received from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), it was noticed that the appellant had earned substantial taxable income of Rs.12,07,776/- during the F.Y 2016-17, which was reflected under the heads "Sales / Gross Receipts from Services (Value from ITR)" filed with the Income Tax department. They had neither obtained Service Tax registration nor paid the applicable service tax on such income. The appellant were therefore called upon to submit copies of Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Income Tax Return, Form 26AS, for said period. However, they did not respond to the letters issued by the department.

2.1 The appellant were therefore issued a Show Cause Notice (SCN) No. Div-I/AR-IV/TPD-Unreg/16-17/Niraj Harilal Koradia dated 31.03.2022 proposing Service Tax demand of Rs.12,07,776/- for the F.Y 2016-17, under proviso to Section 73(1) of the Finance Act, 1994; recovery of interest under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994; and imposition of penalties under Section 77(1)(a), Section 77(1)(c), Section 77(2) and Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994 were also proposed. Late fees under Section 70(1) of the Finance Act, 1994 was also proposed.

2.2 The said Show Cause Notice was adjudicated vide the impugned order by the adjudicating authority wherein the Service Tax demand of Rs.12,07,776/- was confirmed along with interest. Penalty of Rs.12,07,776/- was imposed on the appellant under Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994; Penalty of Rs. 10,000/- each was also imposed under Section 77(1)(a) and Section 77(1)(c) of the Finance Act, 1994. However, penalty under Section 77(2) was not imposed. Late fees of Rs.20,000/- was also imposed under Section 70(1) of the Act.

3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, the appellant have preferred the present appeal on the grounds elaborated below:

- The appellant is a Doctor (Medical Practitioner) and engaged in providing the healthcare services. The adjudicating authority has failed to understand that the services provided by the appellant is a clinical establishment services and exempted from service tax as per the mega exemption Notification No. 25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012.
- The adjudicating authority has not justified in classifying the activity carried out by the appellant as taxable service.



- The adjudicating authority has not justified in making demand of service tax & penalty.

4. Personal hearing in the case was held on 16.01.2024. Shri Niraj H. Koradia, Appellant alongwith Shri Jatin Kumar, Chartered Accountant appeared for personal hearing. Shri Jatin informed that the appellant is a Cardiac Surgeon / Doctor and provides healthcare services which are exempted from service tax. Degree or Medical Council Registration copy was given as proof in the written submission.

5. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case, grounds of appeal, additional submission and documents available on record. The issue to be decided in the present appeal is whether the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, confirming the service tax demand of Rs.12,07,776/- against the appellant along with interest and penalty, in the facts and circumstance of the case, is legal and proper or otherwise. The demand pertains to the period F.Y 2016-17.

6. As per the Certificate of Registration in Form-C issued by Gujarat Medical Council Act, 1967, I find that the appellant is a qualified M.B.B.S, Doctor. In Form-26AS, the appellant has shown income of Rs.9,07,776/- received from Apollo Hospital International Ltd. and Rs.3,00,000/- received from Advance Cardiovascular Care Pvt. Ltd (*totalling to Rs.12,07,776/-*) in respect of the healthcare services provided to these institutions. The demand raised in the SCN is on income of Rs.12,07,776/- and the same amount is also reflected in Form-26AS. I find that the said income was received from Hospitals for the healthcare services provided.

6.1 The appellant have strongly contended the demand on the ground that the health care services are exempted vide Notification No. 25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 therefore, they are not required to discharge any tax liability.

6.2 To examine the issue relevant text of the notification is re-produced below;

[Notification No. 25/2012-S.T..dated20-6-20127

Exemptions from Service tax Mega Notifications - Notification No. 12/2012-ST superseded

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 93 of the Finance Act, 1994 (32 of 1994) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) and in supersession of notification number 12/2012-Service Tax, dated the 17th March, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 210E), dated the 17th March, 2012, the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the following taxable services from the whole of the service tax leviable thereon under section 668 of the said Act, namely:-

1.XXXX



2. Health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics;

2. Definitions. - For the purpose of this notification, unless the context otherwise requires,

(d) **"authorised medical practitioner"** means a medical practitioner registered with any of the councils of the recognised system of medicines established or recognized by law in India and includes a medical professional having the requisite qualification to practice in any recognized system of medicines in India as per any law for the time being in force;

(j) **"clinical establishment"** means a hospital, nursing home, clinic, sanatorium or any other institution by, whatever name called, that offers services or facilities requiring diagnosis or treatment or care for illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognized system of medicines in India, or a place established as an independent entity or a part of an establishment to carry out diagnostic or investigative services of diseases

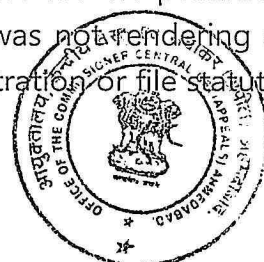
(t) **"health care services"** means any service by way of diagnosis or treatment or care for illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognised system of medicines in India and includes services by way of transportation of the patient to and from a clinical-establishment but does not include hair transplant or cosmetic or plastic surgery, except when undertaken to restore or to reconstruct anatomy or functions of body affected due to congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, injury or trauma;

6.3 Subsequently vide Notification No.06/2015-ST dated 01.03. 2015, the above entry at Sr.No.02 was substituted as under;

- 2 (i) Health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics;
- (ii) Services provided by way of transportation of a patient in an ambulance, other than those specified in (i) above;";

6.2 Going by the above notification, I find that the health care services provided by authorized medical practitioner are exempted. The appellant by profession is a registered medical practitioner and is providing the services by way of diagnosis or treatment in a recognized system of medicine. Hence, I find that the said service provided by the appellant as an authorized medical practitioner shall be covered under healthcare services. I, therefore, find that the income earned by the appellant pertains to the healthcare services provided, hence, shall be exempted in terms of Notification, No. 25/2012-ST.

7. When the demand does not sustain, question of interest and penalties also does not arise. As the appellant during the disputed period was not rendering any taxable service they were not required to obtain Service tax Registration or file statutory returns.

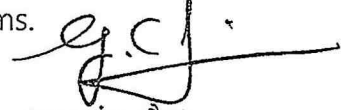


Hence, I find that the late fee imposed is also not sustainable. Accordingly, I find that the impugned order confirming the service tax demand of Rs.1,81,166/- alongwith interest and penalties is not sustainable on merits.

8. In view of the above discussion, I set-aside the impugned order and allow the appeal of the appellant.


9. 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: 24.01.2024

Attested


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