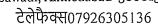


आयुक्त (अपील) का कार्यालय, Office of the Commissioner (Appeal),

केंद्रीय जीएसटी, अपील आयुक्तालय, अहमदाबाद Central GST, Appeal Commissionerate, Ahmedabad जीएसटी भवन, राजस्व मार्ग, अम्बावाड़ी अहमदाबाद ३८००१५. CGST Bhavan, Revenue Marg, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad 380015





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- ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos. AHM-EXCUS-002-APP-49/2023-24 दिनाँक Date: 14-07-2023 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 25.07.2023 आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित Passed by Shri Shiv Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Appeals)
- ग Arising out of Order-in-Original No. CGST/WT07/RAJ/114/2022-23 दिनॉक: 11.05.2022, issued by Deputy/Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division-VII, Ahmedabad-North
- ध अपीलकर्ता का ज्ञाम एवं पता Name & Address

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1. Appellant

M/s Shashikant Ramanlal Vaghela, Rachna Corporation, B-102, Nilkant-2, Near Saurabh Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009

2. Respondent
The Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division-VII, Ahmedabad
North ,Ground Floor, Jivabhai Mansion Building, Aashram Road,
Ahmedabad - 380052

कोई व्यक्ति इस अपील आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे बताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को अपील या पुनरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर 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 प्रन्तुक 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।
- (i) 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:
- (ii) यदि माल की हानि के मामले में जब ऐसी हानि कारखाने 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 प्रकिया के दौरान हुई हो।
- (ii) In case of any loss of goods where the loss occur in transit from a factory to a warehouse of to another factory or from an awarehouse to another during the course of processing of the goods in a warehouse of in storage whether in a factory or in a warehouse.

- भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित गाल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुल्क कच्चे माल पर (क) 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 (A) outside India of on excisable material used in the manufacture of the goods which are exported to any country or territory outside India.
- यदि शुल्क का भूगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्यात किया गया माल हो। (ख)
- In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without (B) payment of duty.

अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भूगतान के लिए जो डयूटी केंडिट 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 (c) 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.
- केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपन्न संख्या इए-8 में दा प्रतियों में, प्रेषित आदेश के प्रति आदेश प्रेषित दिनाँक से तीन मास के भीतर मूल-आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की (1) दो—दो प्रतियों, के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ. का मुख्यशीर्ष के अंतर्गत धारा 35-इ में निधारित 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 Accounts

रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम हो तो रूपये 200/- फीस भुगतान (2)की जाए और जहाँ संलग्न रकम 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 सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:-Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

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- उक्तलिखित पुरिस्केंद्र 2 (1) के में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलों के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, (क) केन्द्रीय उल्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका. अहमदाबाद में 2 माला, बहुमाली भवन , असरवा ,गिरधरनागर, अहमदाबाद -380004
- To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (a) (CESTAT) at 2nd floor, Bahumali Bhawan, Asarwa, Girdhar Nagar, Ahmedabad : 380004. in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para-2(i) (a) above.

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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/r, Rs.5,000/- and Rs.10,000/- where amount of duty / penalty / demand / refund is upto 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 ढग से किया जाना चाहिए इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी कि लिखा पढी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथारिथति 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.

न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम् १९७० यथा संशोधित की अनुसूचि-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त (4)आवेदन या मूल आदेश यथारिथिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रति पर रू.6.50 पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकट लगा होना चाहिए।

One copy of application or O. 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 item of the court fee Act, 1975 as amended.

इन ओर संबंधित मामलों को नियंत्रण करने वाले नियमों की ओर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है जो (5)सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निहित्त है। जा प्रदेश हम विशेष के प्रतान के प्

Attention in invited to the rules covering these and other related matter contended in the Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1982

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय जित्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवोकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट), के प्रति अपीलो के (7) मामले में कर्तव्य मांग (Demand) एवं दंड (Penalty) का 10% पूर्व जमा करना अनिवार्य है। हालांकि, अधिकतम् पूर्व जर्मा 10 करोड़ रुपए हैं हैं। ((Section 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act. 1994)

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क और सेवा कर के अंतर्गत, शामिल होगा "कर्तव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded) -

- (i) (Section) खंड 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि; (ii) तिया गलत सेनबैट क्रेडिट की राशि; (iii) सेनबैट 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.
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।

के 10% भुगतान पर आर जहा कवल दुण्डा प्रवासित के 10% भुगतान पर आर जहा कवल दुण्डा प्रवासित के 10% 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

The present appeal has been filed by M/s. Shashikant Ramanlal Vaghela, Rachna Corporation, B-102, Nilkant-2, Near Saurabh Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380009 (hereinafter referred to as "the appellant") against Order-in-Original No. CGST/WT07/RAJ/114/2022-23 dated 11.05.2022 (hereinafter referred to as "the impugned order") passed by the Deputy Commissioner, CGST Division-VII, Ahmedabad North (hereinafter referred to as "the adjudicating authority").

- 2. Briefly stated, the facts of the case are that the appellant are holding PAN No. AAUPV9766G. On scrutiny of the data received from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for the Financial Year 2014-15, it was noticed that the appellant had earned an income of Rs. 24,66,304/- during the FY 2014-15, which was reflected under the heads "Sales / Gross Receipts from Services (Value from ITR)" or "Total amount paid / credited under Section 194C, 194I, 194H, 194J (Value from Form 26AS)" filed with the Income Tax department. Accordingly, it appeared that the appellant had earned the said substantial income by way of providing taxable services but had neither obtained Service Tax registration nor paid the applicable service tax thereon. The appellant were called upon to submit relevant documents for assessment for the said period. However, the appellant had not responded to the letters issued by the department.
- Subsequently, the appellant were issued Show Cause Notice No. CGST/AR-I/Div-VII/A'bad-North/83/Shashikant/20-21 dated 27.09.2020 demanding Service Tax amounting to Rs. 3,04,835/- for the period FY 2014-15, under proviso to Sub-Section (1) of Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994. The SCN also proposed 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. The SCN also proposed recovery of un-quantified amount of Service Tax for the period FY 2015-16 to FY 2017-18 (up to Jun-17).
- 2.2 The Show Cause Notice was adjudicated vide the impugned order by the adjudicating authority wherein the demand of Service Tax amounting to Rs. 3,04,835/- was confirmed under proviso to Sub-Section (1) of Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994 along with Interest under Section 75 of the Finance Act, 1994 for the period from FY 2014-15. Further (i) Penalty of Rs. 3,04,835/- was also imposed on the appellant under Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994; (ii) Penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the appellant under Section 77(1)(a) and Section 77(1)(c) of the Finance Act, 1994; and (iii) Penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed

on the appellant under Section 77(2) of the Finance Act, 1994 for not submitting documents to department when called for.

- 3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, the appellant have preferred the present appeal on 24.05,2023 along with an application for condonation of delay.
- 4. On going through the appeal memorandum, I find that the impugned order was issued on 11.05.2022 and the same was received by the appellant on 14.05.2022. The present appeal, in terms of Section 85 of the Finance Act, 1994, was filed on 24.05.2023, i.e. 315 days late from the last date of filing the appeal. The appellant in their application of condonation of delay inter alia stated that the appeal not filed in due time limit as the appellant underwent a bypass surgery on 09.04.2022 and discharged from the hospital on 13.04.2022. He was prescribed a complete bedrest for about 2 to 3 months by the doctor, therefore, he shifted to his village and returned back to Ahmedabad on 30.01.2023. The appellant was not aware of the order received and he neither received any information about the order from family members. On receiving the notice dated 28.03.2023 regarding recovery of service tax, he came know about the order dated 11.05.2022. Thereafter he consulted the consultant for filing of service tax appeal and the same was filed on 24.05.2023.
- 5. Personal hearing in the case was held on 07.07.2023. Shri Dhiraj Patel, Chartered Accountant, appeared on behalf of the appellant for personal hearing. He reiterated submissions made in application of condonation of delay. He requested to condone the delay of 315 days on account of medical reasons for which evidence is enclosed.
- It is observed that the relevant Section 85 of the Finance Act, 1994, provides that the appeal should be filed within a period of 2 months from the date of receipt of the decision or order passed by the adjudicating authority. Further, under the proviso appended to sub-section (3A) of Section 85 of the Act, the Commissioner (Appeals) is empowered to condone the delay or to allow the filing of an appeal within a further period of one month thereafter, if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal with in the period of two months. Relevant text of Section 85 is reproduced below:

"SECTION 85. Appeals to the Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals).—

(1) Any person aggrieved by any decision or order passed by an adjudicating authority subordinate to the Principal Commissioner of Central Excise or Commissioner of Central Excise may appeal to the Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals).

- (2) Every appeal shall be in the prescribed form and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.
- (3) An appeal shall be presented within three months from the date of receipt of the decision or order of such adjudicating authority, relating to service tax, interest or penalty under this Chapter, made before the date on which the Finance Bill, 2012, receives the assent of the President:

Provided that the Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals) may, if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the aforesaid period of three months, allow it to be presented within a further period of three months.

(3A) An appeal shall be presented within two months from the date of receipt of the decision or order of such adjudicating authority, made on and after the Finance Bill, 2012 receives the assent of the President, relating to service tax, interest or penalty under this Chapter:

Provided that the Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals) may, if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the aforesaid period of two months, allow it to be presented within a further period of one month."

- I find that in terms of Section 85, the limitation period of two months for filing the appeal in the present cases starts from 14.05.2022 and the appellant were required to file the appeal on or before 14.07.2022. However, the appeal was filed on 24.05.2023, i.e. 315 days late from the last date of filing the appeal, which is beyond the period of one month which the Commissioner(Appeals) may condone. Therefore, I reject the said appeal considering Section 85 (3A) of the Finance Act, 1994, as I have no jurisdiction to condone the delay beyond the condonable period of one month.
- 6. In view of the above discussion and well settled law, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I reject the appeal filed by the appellant on the grounds of limitation.
- 7. अपील कर्ता 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.

(Shiv Pratap Singh) Commissioner (Appeals)

Date: 14-7-23

(R. C. Mawyar)
Superintendent(Appeals),
CGST, Ahmedabad

Attested

By RPAD / SPEED POST

To,

M/s. Shashikant Ramanlal Vaghela, Rachna Corporation, B-102, Nilkant-2, Near Saurabh Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380009

Appellant

The Deputy Commissioner, CGST Division-VII, Ahmedabad North

Respondent

Copy to:

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- 2) The Commissioner, CGST, Ahmedabad North
- 3) The Deputy Commissioner, CGST Division-VII, Ahmedabad North
- 4) The Assistant Commissioner (HQ System), CGST, Ahmedabad North

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