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Office of the Commissioner (Appeal),

केंद्रीय जीएसटी, अपील आयुक्तालय, अहमदाबाद Central GST, Appeal Commissionerate, Ahmedabad जीएसटी भवन, राजस्व मार्ग, अम्बावाडी अहमदाबाद ३८००१५. ΟN

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ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos. AHM-CGST-001-APP-JC-95/2023-24 दिनाँक Date :21.08.2023 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue : 23-08-2023

श्री आदेश कुमार जैन संयुक्त आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित

Passed by Shri Adesh Kumar Jain, Joint Commissioner (Appeals)

Arising out of Order-in-Original No ZA240223050588N DT. 08.02.2023 issued by The Superintendent, CGST, Division-I, Ahmedabad South

अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address of the Appellant / Respondent

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		Appellant		- .		
	M/s	s. Shree Ganesh Enterprise (Legal	The Superintendent, CGST, Range-I, Division-I, Ahmedabad South			
		me - Pandya Bhavini Nikunj Kumar),	Division-i, Anmedabad South			
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	(A)	इस आदेश(अपील) से व्यथित कोई व्यक्ति निम्न प्राधिकरण के समक्ष अपील दायर कर सकता Any person aggrieved by this Order-in-Appea way.	नलिखित तरीके में उपयुक्त प्राधिकारी / है। I may file an appeal to the appropriate authority in the	e following		
(i)	-	National Bench or Regional Bench of Appellate Tribunal framed under GST Act/CGST Act in the cases where one of the issues involved relates to place of supply as per Section 109(5) of CGST Act, 2017.				
(<u>ii</u>)		State Bench or Area Bench of Appellate Tribunal framed under GST Act/CGST Act other than as mentioned in para- (A)(i) above in terms of Section 109(7) of CGST Act, 2017				
(iii)		see a manual with a fee of Pr. One Thousand	d as prescribed under Rule 110 of CGST Rules, 2017 a for every Rs. One Lakh of Tax or Input Tax Credit invo d or the amount of fine, fee or penalty determined ir s. Twenty-Five Thousand.			
(B)	:	of the order appealed against within seven d				
(i)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 Appeal to be filed before Appellate Tribunal under Section 112(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 after paying - (i) <u>Full amount of Tax, Interest, Fine, Fee and Penalty</u> arising from the impugned order, as is admitted/accepted by the appellant, and (ii) A sum equal to <u>twenty five per cent</u> of the remaining amount of Tax in dispute, in addition to the amount paid under Section 107(6) of CGST Act, 2017, arising from the said order, in relation to which the appeal has been filed. 				
(ii)		The Central Goods & Service Tax (Ninth Rer	noval of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 03.12.2019 ha thin three months from the date of communication of President, as the case may be, of the Appellate Tribu	of Urder of 1		
(C)		लिए, अपीलार्थी विभागीय वेबसाइटwww.wagbic.v				
		For elaborate, detailed and latest provision appellant may refer to the website www.cb	ns relating to filing of appeal to the appellate autors in the appellate autor			

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. Shree Ganesh Enterprise, (Legal Name – Pandya Bhavani Nikunj Kumar), D-303, Vrundavan Vatika, Near Alok-5, Baps Mandir Road, Vastral, Ahmedabad, Gujarat – 382418(hereinafter referred to as"**Appellant**") against the Order No. ZA240223050588N dated 08.02.2023 (hereinafter referred to as"**Impugned Order**") passed by the Superintendent, CGST, Range-1, Ahmedabad South (hereinafter referred to as "**the Adjudicating Authority/Proper Officer**").

2. Facts of the case, in brief, are that the *appellant* is registered under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 vide GST Registration GSTIN 24ERYPP0111A1Z3. Due to personal issues, the appellant was not available to continue their business and not filed GST returns. Accordingly, department has Suo-moto issued Show Cause Notice to the appellant, wherein it was proposed that registration is liable to be cancelled for the reasons that GST Returns are not filed for a continuous period of six months.

Being aggrieved with the *impugned order* dated 08.02.2023 the *appellant* has preferred the present appeal on 08.08.2023 (online on 15.06.2023).

Personal Hearing:-

4. Personal Hearing in the matter was held on 17.08.2023 wherein Ms. Pandya Bhavini Nikunj Kumar appeared on behalf of the '*Appellant*' as authorized representative. During P.H. she submitted that they have not done any business since August 2021, so could not file GST returns and registration was cancelled. Now want to start business and requested to allow the appeal. As regards the late filing of appeal, their C.A. has not filed appeal within time and request to condone delay. No dues are pending and ready to pay late fee.

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Discussion and Findings :-

5. 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.

6. 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**.

I observed that in the instant case that as against the inpugned order of dated 08.02.2023, the appeal has been filed online on 415.06.2023 i.e. appeal filed by delay from the normal period operation 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 08.02.2023 so, the normal appeal period of three months was available up to 08.05.2023 whereas, the present appeal is filed online on 15.06.2023. However, considering 90 days from 08.02.2023, the last date for filing of appeal comes to 08.05.2023. In the present matter the appeal is filed on 15.06.2023. Accordingly, in view of

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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 condonation of delay request of Appellant, 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 08.06.2023, whereas the present appeal is filed on 15.06.2023.

8. 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.

9. 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 (274) 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.

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(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.

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10. I find that the provisions of Section 107 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 are *parimateria* 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.

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

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(Adesh Kumar Jain) Joint Commissioner (Appeals)



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(Sandĥeer Kumar) Superintendent (Appeals) <u>By R.P.A.D.</u>

To, M/s. Shree Ganesh Enterprise, (Legal Name-Pandya Bhavani Nikunj Kumar), D-303, Vrundavan Vatika, Near Alok-5, Baps Mandir Road, Vastral, Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 382 418.

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- 5. The Superintendent, Range 1, Division -1-Rakhial, Ahmedabad Sou
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