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ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos. AHM-EXCUS-001-APP-275-2017-18 दिनॉक Date : 25-01-2018 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue ______02/18

<u>श्री उमा शंकर</u> आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित Passed by Shri. Uma Shanker, Commissioner (Appeals)

ग Arising out of Order-in-Original No. AHM-SVTAX-000-JC-031-16-17 दिनॉक: 31/01/2017 issued by Assistant Commissioner, Central Tax, Ahmedabad-South

ध अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address of the Appe lant / Respondent M/s Thirdeye Protection & Investigation. Ahmedabad

कोई व्यक्ति इस अपील आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे वताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को अपील या पुनरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

Any person a 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।

(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 गाल 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 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.

(b) 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।

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(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।

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

अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो डयूटो 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 नियक्त किए गए हो।

- (d) 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.
- (1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपन्न संख्या इए–8 में दो प्रतियों में प्रेषित आदेश के प्रति आदेश प्रेषित दिनाँक से तीन मास के भीतर मूल–आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो–दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ. का मुख्यशीर्ष 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.

(2) रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम हो तो रूपये 200/– फीस भुगतान 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 जति अपीलः– Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, १९४४ की धारा ३५–बी⁄३५–इ के अंतर्गतः–

Under Section 35B/ 35E of CEA, 1944 an appeal lies to :-

- (क) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद २ (१) क में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलो के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण <u>(सिस्टेट</u>) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदावाद में ओ–20, न्यू मैन्टल हास्पिटल कम्पाउण्ड, मेघाणी नगर, अहमदाबाद–38C016
- (a) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at O-20, New Metal Hospital Compound, Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad : 380 016. in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para-2(i) (a) above.



•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.

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 यथारिथति अपीलीय (3) 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 not withstanding 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 अधिनियम १९७० यथा संशोधित की अनुसूचि–१ के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूल आदेश यथारिथति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रति पर रू.6.50 पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क (4) टिंकट 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 pa se as prescribed under scheduled-I 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 सीमा शुल्क. केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निहित है। (5)

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

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण <u>(सिस्टेट)</u>, के प्रति अपीलो के गामले में कर्तव्य मांग (Demand) एवं दंड (Penalty) का 10% पूर्व जम्न करना अनिवार्थ है। हालांकि, अधिकतम पूर्व जमा 10 (6)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 सेवा कर के अंतर्गत, शामिल होगा "कर्तव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded) -

- (Section) खंड 111) के तहत निर्धारित राशि; (i)
- लिया गलत रोनवैट क्रेडिट की राशि: (ii)
- सेनवेट क्रेडिट नियमों के नियम 6 के तहत देय राशि. (iii)

🗈 यह पूर्व जमा 'लंबिल 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 predeposit 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:

amount determined under Section 11 D;

(i) amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken; (ii)

amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules.

इस 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."



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ORDER-IN-APPEAL

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This order arises out of an appeal filed by M/s. Third Eye Protection & Investigation Services Pvt. Ltd., C-404, Rajshree Arcade, Jodhpur Cross Road, Satellite, Ahmedabad (in short 'appellant') against Order-in-Original No.AHM-SVTAX-000-JC-031-16-17 dated 31.01.2017 (in short 'impugned order') passed by the then Joint Commissioner, Service Tax H. Q, Ahmedabad (in short 'adjudicating authority').

Briefly stated that the appellant is registered for providing services under the 2. category of "Security Agency Services". On basis of third party information received from the Income Tax Authorities, premises of the appellant was searched on 03.03.2015 and statement of Shri Prahlad M. Meena, Director, was recorded under Section 14 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 as made applicable to Section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994 wherein he, inter alia, deposed that ST-3 return was filed for Apr-Sept-2011 only and provided the details of value of services provided upto Dec-2014. The said director failed to appear/provide further information called for. Hence, ST Authority freezed its bank account and considered bank statement for calculating service tax liability. Accordingly, SCN dated 10.03.2016 was issued for demand of service tax of Rs.66,58,681/- for the period 2010-11 to 2014-15 under Section 73(1), alongwith interest and imposing penalties under the provisions of the Finance Act, 1944. The appellant neither filed any defense reply nor appeared for personal hearing on four occasions viz. 28.11.2016 15.12.2016, 26.12.2016 and 17.01.2017. Hence, the adjudicating authority confirmed the demand of service tax Rs.66,58,681/- alongwith interest under Section 73(1) and 75ibid respectively, imposed penalties under Section 77(2), 78ibid and also imposed personal penalty of Rs.1,00,000/- under Section 78Aibid on Shri Prahlad Mulchand Meena, Director, vide impugned order.

3. Aggrieved with the impugned order, the appellant filed the present appeal on the ground that its family member hospitalize so unable to comply summon so the investigation officer made ex-party order of demand of Rs,66,58,681/-.

4. Personal hearing in the matter was held on 10.10.2017, 14.11.2017, 30.11.2017, 18.12.2017, 11.01.2018 and 31.01.2018. None appeared for personal hearing nor any submission is received from the appellant till date.

5. I have carefully gone through the appeal memorandum and evidences available on records. I find that the main issue to be decided is whether the impugned order of the adjudicating authority is just, legal and proper or otherwise. I find that the appeal is hit by limitation of 28 days as provided in Section 85(3A) of the Finance Act, 1994. No request is made either written or verbal for condonation of such delay. However, I condone the delay of said 28 days under powers vested in me under Section 85(3A) ibid in the interest of justice and proceed to decide the case on merits.

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I find that facts leading to confirmation of demand vide impugned order is 6 narrated in para 2 supra. I also find that the appellant has neither filed any defense reply to the SCN nor appeared for personal hearing before the adjudicating authority. Similarly, the appellant has also failed to appear for personal hearing before the undersigned on the given dates in para 4 supra though the notice of personal hearing were sent to as per address given in the appeal memorandum by speed post viz. 213, Saman Complex, Opp. Nalanda Complex, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad and has been delivered to the appellant as evident from the postal authority website. It is also surprising that the last notice dtd.15.01.2018 intimating hearing held on 31.01.2018 sent at the registered address of the appellant viz. C-404, Rajshree Arcade, Jodhpur Cross Road, Satellite, Ahmedabad, as appearing in GAR-7 challan for payment of Rs.15,00,000/- and Rs.98,065/- paid on 31.03.2015 and 07.04.2015 respectively, is also returned back by the postal authority with remarks "LEFT". This type of attitude of the appellant clearly indicates routine approach and non co-operative in nature. I also find that the relief claimed in the appeal is hospitalization of family member and ex-parte order but no documentary evidences are submitted to substantiate their case. I also find that there is no communication in this regard in reply to personal hearing fixed by the adjudicating authority even after four occasions.

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Under the circumstances, I remand the case to the adjudicating authority for reconsidering the points raised in the present appeal and pass speaking order within 30 days of communication of this order after following the principle of natural justice. Simultaneously, the appellant is also directed to put-forth their case and co-operate the adjudicating authority with due diligence.

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

The appeal filed by the appellant and respondent stands disposed of in above

terms.

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(उमा शंकर) केन्द्रीय कर आयुक्त (अपील्स)

Attested:

(B.A. Patel) Supdt.(Appeals) Central GST, Ahmedabad.

BY SPEED POST TO:

M/s. Third Eye Protection & Investigation Services Pvt. Ltd., C-404, Rajshree Arcade, Jodhpur Cross Road, Satellite, Ahmedabad-380015.



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- (1) The Chief Commissioner, Central Tax, Ahmedabad Zone.
- (2) The Principal Commr, CGST, Ahmedabad South (RRA Section).

(3) The Joint Commr, CGST, Ahmedabad South.

(4) The Asstt. Commr, CGST Division-VII(Satellite), Ahmedabad South.

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(5) The Asstt. Commr(System), CGST , Ahmedabad-South.(for uploading OIA on website)

(6) Guard file

(7) P.A. file.