केंद्रीय कर आयुक्त (अपील) O/O THE COMMISSIONER (APPEALS), CENTRAL TAX, 7th Floor, GST Building, केंद्रीय कर भक्न, सत्यमेव जयते Near Polytechnic, सातवी मंजिल, पोलिटेकनिक के पास, Ambavadi, Ahmedabad-380015 आम्बावाडी, अंहमदाबाद-380015 ट्रेलेफेक्स : 079 - 26305136 079-26305065

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11780-1784 फाइल संख्या : File No : V2(SEZ)/22/Ahd-I/2017-18 क Stay Appl.No. NA/2017-18

अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos. AHM-EXCUS-001-APP-340-2017-18 ख दिनाँक Date : 22-02-2018 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue ____ 22.3.12

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

- Arising out of Order-in-Original No. F.No. V/16-09/Ref/Div-I/16-17/216 दिनॉक: 3/21/2017 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Central Tax, Ahmedabad-South ग
- अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address of the Appellant / Respondent ध

Adani Power Ltd.

Ahmedabad

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 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 :

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 :

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

In case of any loss of goods where the loss occur in transit from a factory to a warehouse or to दौरान हुई हो। 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.

- 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 (b) or territory outside India.
- यदि शुल्क का भुगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्यात किया गया माल हो। (ग)



(ख) भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित माल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुल्क कच्चे माल पर उत्पाद रू-शुल्क के रिबेट के मामलें में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित है।

- (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।
- (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 डयूटी 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।

- (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 प्रपत्र 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।

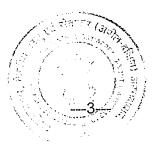
The revision application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.200/- where the amount involved is Rupees One Lac or less and Rs.1,000/- where the amount involved is more than Rupees One Lac.

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपीलः– Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35—बी/35—इ के अंतर्गतः—

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

- (क) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद 2 (1) 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, अहमदाबाद में ओ–20, न्यू मैन्टल हास्पिटल कम्पाउण्ड, मेघाणी नगर, अहमदाबाद–380016
- (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.



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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/-, 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 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.

- (4) न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम 1970 यथा संशोधित की अनुसूचि–1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूल आदेश यथास्थिति 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.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), के प्रति अपीलो के मामले में कर्तव्य मांग (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 सेवा कर के अंतर्गत, शामिल होगा "कर्तव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded) -

- (i) (Section) खंड 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि;
- (ii) लिया गलत सेनवैट क्रेडिट की राशि;
- (iii) 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.

_{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."

ORDER-IN-APPEAL

This appeal has been filed by M/s Adani Power Ltd., "Achalraj", Opp-Mayor Bunglow, Law Garden, Ahmedabad [for short-appellant] against letter F NO.V/16-09/Ref/Div-1/16-17 dated 21.03.2017 issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Central Excise, Division-1, Ahmedabad.

2. Briefly stated, the appellant have a thermal power plant at SEZ, Mundra. They filed a refund claim of Rs.9,568/- before the Deputy Commissioner, Division-1, Ahmedabad on 15.02.2017 in respect of central excise duty paid on the inputs procured in SEZ for authorized operation. The Deputy Commissioner, vide his letter dated 21.03.2017 returned the said claim to the appellant as the same does not fall within the jurisdiction his office.

3. Being aggrieved, the appellant has filed the instant appeal on the grounds that as per provisions of Rule 47(5) of SEZ Rules, the refund, demand etc with regard to matters relating to authorized operations under SEZ Act shall be made by the jurisdictional Customs/Central Excise authorities in accordance with the provisions contained in Customs/Central Excise Act; that a SEZ is outside the jurisdiction of the Excise Act and consequently there cannot be any jurisdictional Central Excise Authority qua an SEZ; that the only logical and reasonable construction would be that the authority where the duty is being paid and the refund is being sought. The appellant relied on various case laws in support of their argument.

4. Personal hearing of appeal matter fixed on 12.02.2018, however, the appellant vide their letter dated 06.02.2018 submitted that in the similar issue in their own case, the Hon'ble Tribunal Kolkata has allowed their appeal vide order No.F/076332-76339/2017 dated 25.07.2017 and requested to decide the instant appeal on merits. Accordingly, I take the appeal for decision on merit on the basis available records and submissions.

5. At the outset, I observe that the appellant had filed the refund claim in question before the Deputy Commissioner, Division-1, Ahmedabad with regard to central excise duty paid on inputs procured in SEZ, Mundra for authorized operations. The said claim was returned to the appellant by stating that the Deputy Commissioner is not the proper authority to decide the claim.

6. As regards jurisdiction for filing a refund claim, I observe that refund of central excise duty can be given by the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise having jurisdiction over the factory of manufacturer. As per Para 1.1, chapter 9 of CBEC's Manual of Supplementary Instructions, the refund claim can be filed within one year from the relevant date in the specified form by an assessee or even a person who has born the duty incidence, to the Deputy/Assistant. Commissioner of Central Excise having jurisdiction over the factory of manufacture. In the instant case, the appellant contended that they had procured the duty paid

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goods from the manufacturer who registered as an assessee of central excise within the jurisdiction of Deputy Commissioner of Central Excise, Division-1, Ahmedabad. In the circumstances, the appellant has rightly filed the refund claim before the Deputy Commissioner.

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7. Further, the appellant has submitted order No.F/076332-76339/2017 dated 25.07.2017 of Hon'ble Tribunal, Kolkatta in their own case. In the said order, it has been held that as regards refund, demand and the appeal with reference to various operations under SEZ Act, 2005, shall be with a jurisdiction of Central Excise authorities with the relevant provisions of Customs/Central Excise/Finance Act. However, I observe that the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat in case of M/s Intas Pharama Ltd [2016-332-ELT-680] and the Government of India in case of M/s Intas Pharama Ltd [2014-311-ELT-983] has decided an issue relating rebate under Rule 18 of CER. In the said decisions, it has been held that SEZ unit cannot be treated as export in terms ofr Section 2(m) of SEZ Act and cannot file rebate claim under Rule 18 of CER.

7. In view of above discussion, I remand the case to the Deputy Commissioner of Central Excise, Division-1, Ahmedabad to examine refund claim afresh on merit along with connected documents and pass a fresh order on the claim made by the appellant.

8. In view of foregoing, I allow the appeal filed by the appellant. The appeal stands disposed of in above terms.

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(उमा शंकर) आयुक्त (अपील्स) /02/2018

Attested (Mohanan V.V) Superintendent (Appeals) CGST, Ahmedabad

R.P.A.D

To M/s Adani Power Ltd., "Achalraj", Opp-Mayor Bunglow, Law Garden, Ahmedabad

Copy to:-

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- 2. The Commissioner, CGST & Central Excise, SouthThe Addl./Joint Commissioner, (Systems), CGST & CE South
- 3. The Dy. / Asstt. Commissioner, CGST & CE Division-I,South
- 4. Guard file.

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