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श्री उमा शंकर आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित

Passed by Shri. Uma Shanker, Commissioner (Appeals)

Arising out of Order-in-Original No. 08/CE-I/Ahmd/ADC/MK/2018 दिनाँक: 12.06.2018 issued by Ada. Commissioner, Div-South, Central Tax, Ahmedabad-South

अमीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address of the Appellant / Respondent Adani Power Enterprises Ltd Ahmedabad

कोई व्यक्ति इस अपील आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथारिथति नीचे बताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को भवील या पुनरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तूत कर राकता 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 पुनशिक्षण 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 कं जंगीत प्नरिशण आगेदन 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:
- गिंद माल की हानि के गामले में जब ऐसी हानि कारखाने से किसी भण्डागार या अन्य कारखाने में या किसी भण्डागार से दूसरे मण्यामार में माल ले जाते हुए मार्ग में, या किसी भण्डामार या भण्डार में चाहे वह किसी कारखाने में या किसी भण्डामार में हो माल की प्रकिया के ंबन हाँ हो।
- In case of any loss of goods where the loss occur in transit from a factory to a warehouse or to (ii) canother 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 (b) on excisable material used in the manufacture of the goods which are exported to any country or territory outside India.
- यदि पुल्क का भूगतान किए विना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्यात किया गया माल हो।



(a) - भारत के वाहर किसी सफ्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित माल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुल्क कच्चे भाल पर उत्पादन भूकि के स्विट के भागलें में जो भारत के वाहर 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.
- (ন) সাহ পুল্ট का भुगतान किए विना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्धात किया गया गाल हो।
- (c) In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of

जीतम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो डयूटी केंडिट मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो इंस धारा एव विगम के मुताबिक आयुनत, अपील के द्वारा पारित वो समय पर या बाद में वित्त अधिनियम (नं.2) 1998 धारा 109 द्वारा नियमव 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.
- (1) वन्दीय उत्पादन गुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपन्न संख्या इए-8 में दो प्रविधा में, प्रियेत आदेश के प्रति आदेश प्रेमित विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपन्न संख्या इए-8 में दो प्रविधा के साथ विमेत आदेश के प्रति आदेश की दो-दो प्रविधा के साथ विमेत आवेदन किया जाना भाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ. का मुख्यशीर्प के अंतर्गत धारा 35-इ में निर्धारित की के गुमलान के गुमलान के गुमलान के साथ दीआर-6 मालान 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-FE of CEA, 1944, under Major Head of Account.

(८) - विवनन अवस्त के साथ जाउँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपमें या उससे कम हो तो रूपमें 2007— फीस भुमतान की जाए आर जाउँ सलम्म एकम एक लाख से ज्यादा हो तो 10007— 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.

भागा भूक, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं शेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:--Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) कन्दीय एत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35-बी/35-इ के अंतर्गतः-

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

बन - उननिनिर्का परिच्छेद २ (१) क में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलों के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय जरपदन शुल्क एनं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण <mark>(सिस्टेट)</mark> की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में ओ २०, न्यू मन्दन हास्पिट्ल कम्पालण्ड, मेघाणी नगर, अहमदावाद—380016

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/-, 105.5,000/- 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 LIVOUR of Assit. 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.

त्रीय तथा आयेण में कई मूल आदेशों का समावेश होता है तो प्रत्येक मूल ओदश के लिए फीस का भुमतान उपर्युक्त ंभ अ किया जाना चाहिए इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी कि लिखा पढ़ी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथास्थिति अपीलीय ्यायाधिकरण को एक अपील या केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक आवेदन किया जाता हैं।

to 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.

ायान्य भुन्क अधिनियम 1970 यथा संशोधित की अनुसूचि—1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या पन आदेश मधारिवाति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रति पर रू.6.50 पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क िवन्ट 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-litem of the court fee Act, 1975 as amended.

्व ओर संविधित गांगलों को नियंत्रण करने वाले नियमों की ओर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है जो सीमा शुल्क, कन्दीय जलादनं शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निहित्त है।

Altention in invited to the rules covering these and other related matter contended in the Englons, Excise & Gervice Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

भागा भूतक, कन्दीय सत्पादन भुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (शिरटेट), के प्रति अपीलो के गामल में नके प्रमाग (Demand) एवं - दंड (Penalty) का 10% पूर्व जमा करना अनिवार्य है। हालांकि, अधिकतम पूर्व जमा 16 क्रमुक्त अपूर्ण के 1(Section 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act,

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

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

यह पूर्व जमा 'लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तुलगा 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 entral 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;
- amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- (11) amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules.

करूप आदेश के प्रति अपीत प्राधिकरण के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दण्ड विवादित हो तो माँग किए गए शुल्क के का असमान पर ओर जहाँ केवल दण्ड विवादित हो तब दण्ड के 10% भुगतान पर की जा सकती हैं।

In view of above, an appeal against this order shall lie before the Tribunal on payment of to and the duty demanded where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute, or penalty, where enalty alone is in dispute."

## ORDER-IN-APPEAL

M/s. Adani Enterprises Limited, Adani House, Near Mithakhali Six Roads, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380009 [for short - 'appellant'] has filed this appeal against OIO No. 08/CE-I/Ahmd/ADC/MK/2018 dated 12.06.2018, passed by the Additional Commissioner, CGST Commissionerate, Ahmedabad – South [for short - 'adjudicating authority'].

- 2. Briefly stated, a show cause notice dated 15.05.2017, was issued to the appellant for the F.Y. 2012-13, for the payment of Service Tax which the appellant failed to pay by undervaluing the services provided by the appellant by not including the value of input services, such as wharfage, stevedoring, weighment etc., while providing the output services to M/s TNPL in accordance with Rule 5(1) of Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006.
- This notice was adjudicated vide the impugned OIO dated 12.06.2018, wherein the 3. adjudicating authority found two issues emerging from the notice, first relating service tax on Railway Siding Charges and Wharfage charges recovered by the appellant from M.s TNPL by way of debit notes and second relating to service tax on weighment charges and stevedoring as integral part of the scope of the services provided by the appellant. The adjudicating authority in the impugned OIO confirmed the demand of service tax in terms of section 67 of the Finance Act, 1994 read with Rule 5(1) of the Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006, denying the stand of the appellant of being a pure agent in providing the services of Railway Siding Charges and Wharfage Charges, to TNPL for which he had recovered the amount by the way of debit notes for not fulfilling the conditions of the pure agent. For the services i.e stevedoring and weighment charges that was the integral part of the services provided by the appellant, the adjudicating authority confirmed that the appellant had charged M/s TNPL for the said services at the rate of Rs. 69/- PMT while taking the input on the input services at the rate of Rs. 223/-PMT for providing such services. The adjudicating authority demanded the service tax for not including the value of input service while providing such services to M/s TNPL in terms of section 67 of the Finance Act, 1994 read with Rule 5(1) of the Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006. The adjudicating authority further confirmed the demand of interest and penalties under Section 77(2) and Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994.
- 4. Feeling aggrieved, the appellant has filed this appeal on the below mentioned grounds:
  - that the adjudicating authority, erred in presuming that the appellant is recovering consideration over Rs. 69/- PMT for the reason that the appellant had availed credit on the input services valued higher than the output services;
  - that the show cause notice is based on rule 5(1) of the Service Tax (Determination of Value), Rules, 2006, [for short 'Valuation Rules, 2006'] which has been held to be ultra vires;

- the amount recovered for the services i.e railway siding charges and wharfage needs to be excluded in terms of Rule 5(2) of the Valuation Rules, 2006, supra as appellant had fulfilled all the conditions of a pure agent, also the amount reimbursed by the services recipient was on actual consumption basis and this issue is revenue neutral;
- that they would like to rely on the judgement of the Delhi High Court in the case of Intercontinental Consultants and Technocrats P Ltd [2013(29) STR 9(Del.)] which was affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court [2018 (10) G.S.T.L. 401 (S.C.)];
- that the demand of service tax is not sustainable so there is no question of interest and penalty; and
- the demand is time barred as there was no intention to evade the service tax.
- In the personal hearing held on 23.10.2018, Shri. Rahul Patel, Chartered Accountant and Shri Gopal Singh appeared on behalf of the appellant and reiterated the submissions advanced in the grounds of appeal and submitted the judgement of Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court in the case of M/s Jyoti electronics reported in 2016 (336) E.L.T. 517 (Raj.). They also submitted the work order from TNN & P Ltd. To show that beyond this contract no amount has been received and there is no allegation to this effect.
- 6. I have carefully gone through the appeal and I find that the adjudicating authority found two issues to be decided in the present case (refer para 17 of the impugned OIO), first whether the amount of railway siding charges and wharfage recovered under guise of debit note shall qualify for deduction in terms of pure agency concept under Rule 5 of Service Tax (Determintation of Value) Rules, 2006 or not and second, whether the value of weighment charges and stevedoring on which CENVAT Credit is availed but not separately recovered from TNPL is required to be included in the value of taxable services.
- 7. The adjudicating authority confirmed the demands of service tax regarding inclusion of railway siding charges and wharfage and expenditure or costs incurred by the appellant in course of providing the services of stevedoring and weighment services in terms of rule 5(1) of the Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006, which is reproduced as under:
- "5. Inclusion in or exclusion from value of certain expenditure or costs.— (1) Where any expenditure or costs are incurred by the service provider in the course of providing taxable service, all such expenditure or costs shall be treated as consideration for the taxable service provided or to be provided and shall be included in the value for the purpose of charging service tax on the said service.

Explanation. - For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that for the value of the telecommunication service shall be the gross amount paid by the person to whom telecommunication service is actually provided."

However, this issue is no longer res integra, having been first decided by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in the case of Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats Pvt. Ltd. [2013 (29)]

S.T.R. 9 (Del.)], wherein on the question of the constitutional validity of Rule 5 of the Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006 to the extent it includes re-imbursement of expenses in the value of taxable services for the purposes of levy of service tax, it was held as follows:

18. Section 66 levies service tax at a particular rate on the value of taxable services. Section 67(1) makes the provisions of the section subject to the provisions of Chapter V, which includes Section 66. This is a clear mandate that the value of taxable services for charging service tax has to be in consonance with Section 66 which levies a tax only on the taxable service and nothing else. There is thus inbuilt mechanism to ensure that only the taxable service shall be evaluated under the provisions of 67. Clause (i) of sub-section (1) of Section 67 provides that the value of the taxable service shall be the gross amount charged by the service provider "for such service". Reading Section 66 and Section 67(1)(i) together and harmoniously, it seems clear to us that in the valuation of the taxable service, nothing more and nothing less than the consideration paid as quid pro quo for the service can be brought to charge. Sub-section (4) of Section 67 which enables the determination of the value of the taxable service "in such manner as may be prescribed" is expressly made subject to the provisions of sub-section (1). The thread which runs through Sections 66, 67 and Section 94, which empowers the Central Government to make rules for carrying out the provisions of Chapter V of the Act is manifest, in the sense that only the service actually provided by the service provider can be valued and assessed to service tax. We are, therefore, undoubtedly of the opinion that Rule 5(1) of the Rules runs counter and is repugnant to Sections 66 and 67 of the Act and to that extent it is ultra vires. It purports to tax not what is due from the service provider under the charging Section, but it seeks to extract something more from him by including in the valuation of the taxable service the other expenditure and costs which are incurred by the service provider "in the course of providing taxable service". What is brought to charge under the relevant Sections is only the consideration for the taxable service. By including the expenditure and costs, Rule 5(1) goes far beyond the charging provisions and cannot be upheld. It is no answer to say that under sub-section (4) of Section 94 of the Act, every rule framed by the Central Government shall be laid before each House of Parliament and that the House has the power to modify the rule. As pointed out by the Supreme Court in Hukam Chand v. Union of India, AIR 1972 SC 2427

"The fact that the rules framed under the Act have to be laid before each House of Parliament would not confer validity on a rule if it is made not in conformity with Section 40 of the Act."

Thus Section 94(4) does not add any greater force to the Rules than what they ordinarily have as species of subordinate legislation

[emphasis supplied]

The department feeling aggrieved by the aforesaid judgement, filed an appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Supreme Court in the departmental appeal in the case of Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats Pvt. Ltd. [2018 (10) G.S.T.L. 401 (S.C.)], held as follows:

29. In the present case, the aforesaid view gets strengthened from the manner in which the Legislature itself acted. Realising that Section 67, dealing with valuation of taxable services, does not include reimbursable expenses for providing such service, the Legislature amended by Finance Act, 2015 with effect from May 14, 2015, whereby Clause (a) which deals with 'consideration' is suitably amended to include reimbursable

expenditure or cost incurred by the service provider and charged, in the course of providing or agreeing to provide a taxable service. Thus, only with effect from May 14, 2015, by virtue of provisions of Section 67 itself; such reimbursable expenditure or cost would also form part of valuation of taxable services for charging service tax. Though, it was not argued by the Learned Counsel for the Department that Section 67 is a declaratory provision, nor could it be argued so, as we find that this is a substantive change brought about with the amendment to Section 67 and, therefore, has to be prospective in nature. On this aspect of the matter, we may usefully refer to the Constitution Bench judgment in the case of Commissioner of Income Tax (Central)-I, New Delhi v. Vatika Township Private Limited [(2015) 1 SCC 1] wherein it was observed as under:

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"27. A legislation, be it a statutory Act or a statutory rule or a statutory notification, may physically consists of words printed on papers. However, conceptually it is a great deal more than an ordinary prose. There is a special peculiarity in the mode of verbal communication by a legislation. A legislation is not just a series of statements, such as one finds in a work of fiction/non-fiction or even in a judgment of a court of law. There is a technique required to draft a legislation as well as to understand a legislation. Former technique is known as legislative drafting and latter one is to be found in the various principles of "interpretation of statutes". Vis-a-vis ordinary prose, a legislation differs in its provenance, layout and features as also in the implication as to its meaning that arise by presumptions as to the intent of the maker thereof.

28. Of the various rules guiding how a legislation has to be interpreted, one established rule is that unless a contrary intention appears, a legislation is presumed not to be intended to have a retrospective operation. The idea behind the rule is that a current law should govern current activities. Law passed today cannot apply to the events of the past. If we do something today, we do it keeping in view the law of today and in force and not tomorrow's backward adjustment of it. Our belief in the nature of the law is founded on the bedrock that every human being is entitled to arrange his affairs by relying on the existing law and should not find that his plans have been retrospectively upset. This principle of law is known as lex prospicit non respicit: law looks forward not backward. As was observed in Phillips v. Eyre [(1870) LR 6 QB 1], a retrospective legislation is contrary to the general principle that legislation by which the conduct of mankind is to be regulated when introduced for the first time to deal with future acts ought not to change the character of past transactions carried on upon the faith of the then existing law.

29. The obvious basis of the principle against retrospectivity is the principle of "fairness", which must be the basis of every legal rule as was observed in L'Office Cherifien des Phosphates v. Yamashita-Shinnihon Steamship Co. Ltd. Thus, legislations which modified accrued rights or which impose obligations or impose new duties or attach a new disability have to be treated as prospective unless the legislative intent is clearly to give the enactment a retrospective effect; unless the legislation is for purpose of supplying an obvious omission in a former legislation or to explain a former legislation. We need not note the cornucopia of case law available on the subject because aforesaid legal position clearly emerges from the various decisions and this legal position was conceded by the counsel for the parties. In any case, we shall refer to few judgments containing this dicta, a little later."

30. As a result, we do not find any merit-in any of those appeals which are accordingly dismissed.

[emphasis added]

- 8. Article 141 of the Constitution of India states that the law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts within the territory of India. As the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has upheld the Delhi High Court judgement declaring the Rule 5(1) of Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006 as ultra vires for the period prior to 14.05.2015, the question of demanding the service tax on the basis of the said rule is not legally tenable for the dispute being of the period 2012-13.
- 9. In view of the foregoing, the OIO is set aside.
- 10. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।
- 10. The appeal filed by the appellant stands disposed of in above terms.

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