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

केंद्रीय जीएसटी, अपील आयुक्तालय, अहमदाबाद  
Central GST, Appeal Commissionerate, Ahmedabad

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ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal No. AHM-EXCUS-001-APP-140/2023-24  
दिनांक Date : 25-09-2023 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 03.10.2023

आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित

Passed by Shri Shiv Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Appeals)

ग Arising out of OIO No. 45/WSO3/AC/CSM/2022-23 दिनांक: 22.12.2022 passed by The Deputy  
Commissioner, CGST, Division-V, Ahmedabad South.

घ अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address

**Appellant**

M/s. Dilip Vishnuprasad Trivedi,  
5/B-8, Vivekanand Nagar,  
Hathijan, Ahmedabad-382445.

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 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 हानिकार खाने 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 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.



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 मामलों में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित है।

A) 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.

ब) यदि शुल्क का भुगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्यात किया गया माल हो।

B) 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 ड्यूटी क्रेडिट 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।

C) 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.

क) 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 दिनांक से तीन मास के भीतरमूल-आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो-दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इका मुख्य शीर्ष 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 रुपये या उससे कम होतो रुपये 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 सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:-  
Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35-बी/35-इ के अंतर्गत:-

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(सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में 2<sup>nd</sup> माला, बहुमाली भवन, असरवा, गिरधरनागर, अहमदाबाद-380004

(a) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bahumali Bhawan, Asarwa, Girdhar Nagar, Ahmedabad : 380004. 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. Registrar 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 आदेश 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 है।

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.

- (4) न्यायालय शुल्कअधिनियम 1970 यथासंशोधित की अनुसूची-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूलआदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रतिपर रु.6.50 पैसे कान्यायालय 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 is invited to the rules covering these and other related matter contended in the Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

10 सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण(सिस्टेट),के प्रतिअपीलो के मामले में कर्तव्यमांग(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 सेवाकर के अंतर्गत, शामिल होगा "कर्तव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded)-

- (Section) खंड 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि;
- इण लिया गलत सेनवैट क्रेडिट की राशि;
- बण 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:

- amount determined under Section 11 D;
- amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- 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।

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."



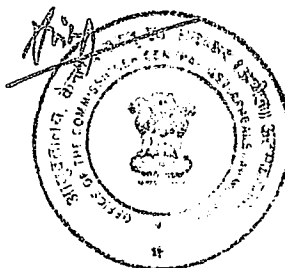
**ORDER-IN-APPEAL**

The present appeal has been filed by M/s. Dilip Vishnuprasad Trivedi, 5/B-8, Vivekanand Nagar, Hathijan, Ahmedabad – 382445 (hereinafter referred to as “the appellant”) against Order-in-Original No. 45/WS03/AC/CSM/2022-23 dated 22.12.2022 (hereinafter referred to as “the impugned order”) passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central GST, Division III, Ahmedabad South (hereinafter referred to as “the adjudicating authority”).

2. Briefly stated, the facts of the case are that the appellant are holding PAN No. AEDPT3017K. On scrutiny of the data received from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for the Financial Year 2016-17, it was noticed that the appellant had earned an income of Rs. 19,97,307/- during the FY 2016-17, which was reflected under the heads “Sales / Gross Receipts from Services (Value from ITR)” 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 required documents for assessment for the said period. However, the appellant had not responded to the letters issued by the department.

2.1 Subsequently, the appellant were issued Show Cause Notice No. AR-II/Div-III/ST/DILIP VISHNUPRASAD TRIVEDI/2016-17 dated 12.10.2021 demanding Service Tax amounting to Rs. 2,99,596/- for the period FY 2016-17, 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; recovery of late fees under Section 70 of the Finance Act, 1994 read with Rule 7C of the Service Tax Rules, 1994; and imposition of penalties under Section 77 and Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994.

2.2 The Show Cause Notice was adjudicated, ex-parte, vide the impugned order by the adjudicating authority wherein the demand of Service Tax amounting to Rs. 2,99,596/- 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 2016-17. Further (i) Penalty of Rs. 2,99,596/- was 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) of the Finance Act, 1994; (iii) Penalty of Rs. 5,000/- was imposed on the appellant under Section 77(2) of the Finance Act, 1994 for not submitting documents to the department when called for; and (iii) Penalty of Rs. 20,000/- was imposed on the appellant under Section 70 of the



Finance Act, 1994 read with Rule 7C of the Service Tax Rules, 1994 for non-filing / late filing of ST-3 return.

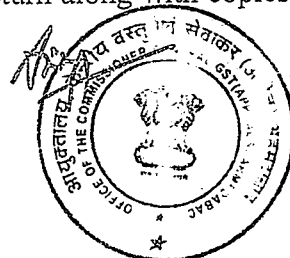
3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, the appellant have preferred the present appeal on the following grounds:

- The appellant have owned One Truck and providing transportation service through that truck.
- The appellant have provided transportation services to the corporate client and therefore their transportation income is covered under Notification No. 30/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 and service tax was need to pay by the service receiver and accordingly the appellant was not liable to pay any service tax on the said income.
- The adjudicating authority has not done any pre-consultation of the appellant before issuing show cause notice.
- The adjudicating authority has not appreciated the above facts and passed the impugned order and confirmed the demand of service tax, interest and imposed penalty, which is not correct as per law.

4. Personal hearing in the case was held on 01.09.2023. Shri Darshan Belani, Chartered Accountant, appeared on behalf of the appellant for personal hearing and handed over additional written submission dated 01.09.2023. He reiterated the contents thereof and the submissions made in appeal memorandum. He submitted that the appellant provided transport services to a GTA, which are exempted from service tax under Sr. No. 22 of the Notification No. 25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012. He requested to set aside the impugned order.

4.1 The appellant in their additional submission dated 01.09.2023, inter alia, submitted as under:

- They are providing transportation services to another goods transporter namely Tredwell Corporation only.
- In support of the above they have attached the copies of Trial Balance Sheet, Balance sheet, Profit and loss account, Income Tax Return along with copies of bills and sales register for FY 2016-17



- Tredwell Corporation, to whom they have provided service, is also a transporter and provides transportation services.
- The appellant further submitted that the income of Rs. 19,97,307/- was earned by providing the Transportation services in FY 2016-17 was exempt from Service tax under Sr. No. 22 of Mega Exemption Notification No. 25/2012- Service Tax dated 20.06.2012.
- From the above facts and submission it is seen that the appellant has provided services to another transporter and the same has been covered by the Mega Exemption Notification and accordingly the transportation income of Rs. 19, 97,307/- was not liable to tax under service tax regime and hence the appellant was also not required to register under service tax regime and therefore the question of payment of Service Tax and Interest and Penalty thereon does not arise.

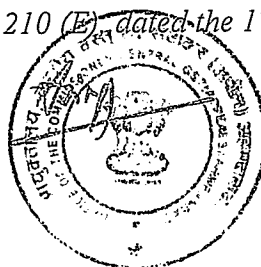
5. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case, grounds of appeal, submissions made in the Appeal Memorandum & additional written submission, submission made during the course of personal hearing and documents available on record. The issue to be decided in the present appeal is whether the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority, confirming the demand of service tax against the appellant along with interest and penalty, in the facts and circumstance of the case, is legal and proper or otherwise. The demand pertains to the period FY 2016-17.

6. It is observed that the main contention of the appellant that they are providing services to another GTA and their income of Rs. 19,97,307/- was exempt from Service tax under Sr. No. 22 of Notification No. 25/2012- Service Tax dated 20.06.2012. It is also observed that the adjudicating authority has confirmed the demand of service tax vide impugned order passed ex-parte.

7. For ease of reference, I reproduce the relevant provision of Notification No. 25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012, which reads as under:

*"Notification No. 25/2012-Service Tax dated 20th June, 2012*

*G.S.R. 467(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 93 of the Finance Act, 1994 (32 of 1994) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) and in supersession of notification No. 12/2012- Service Tax, dated the 17th March, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 210 (E) dated the 17th*



*March, 2012, the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the following taxable services from the whole of the service tax leviable thereon under section 66B of the said Act, namely:-*

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**22. Services by way of giving on hire –**

- (a) to a state transport undertaking, a motor vehicle meant to carry more than twelve passengers; or  
(b) to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods;”

8. On verification of the Profit & Loss Account, Income Ledger and Invoices issued by the appellant during the FY 2016-17, I find that the appellant engaged in providing their truck to M/s. Tradewell Corporation, a GTA on hire basis and earned total income of Rs. 19,97,307/- during the FY 2016-17. The service provided by the appellant was exempted from the service tax as per Sr. No. 22(b) of the Notification No. 25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 and the appellant is not required to pay any service tax on the said income as demanded in the show cause notice and confirmed in the impugned order. Since the demand of service tax is not sustainable on merits, there does not arise any question of charging interest or imposing penalties in the case.

9. In view of above, I hold that the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority confirming demand of Service Tax, in respect of income received by the appellant during the FY 2016-17, is not legal and proper and deserve to be set aside. Accordingly, I set aside the impugned order and allow the appeal filed by the appellant.

10. 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.

Attested

*[Signature]*  
Superintendent(Appeals),  
CGST, Ahmedabad

*[Signature]*  
(Shiv Pratap Singh)  
Commissioner (Appeals)

Date : *25/8/23*



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Appellant

The Assistant Commissioner,  
CGST, Division-III,  
Ahmedabad South

Respondent

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