

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

TAX MARKET

केंद्रीय जीएसटी, अपील आयुक्तालय,अहमदाबाद Central GST, Appeal Commissionerate, Ahmedabad जीएसटी भवन, प्रालस्वमार्ग, अनावाडीअहमदाबाद2609%, CGST Bhavan, Revenue Marg, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad 380016 ही 0792630066

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- ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal No. AHM-EXCUS-001-APP-168/2023-24 विनॉक Date: 21-11-2023 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 29.11.2023

आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारा पारित Passed by Shri Gyan Chand Jain, Commissioner (Appeals)

- 可 Arising out of OIO No. 379/AC/Div-//HKB/2022-23 社術部: 31.01.2023 passed by The Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division-I, Ahmedabad South.
- ध अपीलकर्ता का नामए वं पता Name & Address

Appellant Ws. Patel Shilpaben Paragbhai, Prop. Of Shilpa Corporation, 87/1, Kabootar Khana, Kalupur, Ahmedabad-380001.

खेई व्य क्ति इस अमील आदेश से असंतोष अनुमव करता है तो यह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे बताए गए सक्षम अविकारी को अमील 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 soginat such order, to the appropriate authority in the following way :

भारत सरकार का पुनरीक्षण आवेदन

Revision application to Government of India:

(i) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन कुल्क अधिनियम, 1984 की घारा अतत नीचे बताए गए मानलों के बारे में पूर्वोवत्त घारा को उप-बारा के प्रथम परन्तुक के अंतर्गत पुनरीक्षण आवेदन अभीन सचिव, मारत सरकार, दिता मंत्रावय राजसा लिमान, चौची मॉफिल, खीक्त दीम वसन, संसद मार्ग, स्ट्रे दिर्स्सी : 11000ा को की जानी चाकिए।

(0) यदि माल की छानि के मामले में जब ऐसी छानिकार खाने से किसी भण्डागार या अन्य कारखाने में या किसी मण्डागार के दूसरे मण्डागार में साल से जाते हुए मार्ग में, या किसी मण्डागार या मण्डार में चाठे वह किसी कारण्डाने में या किसी मण्डागार में की माल की प्रविध्या के दौरान घुई छैं।

(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 s warehouse or in storage whether in a factory or in a warehouse.

- (8) भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रवेश में निर्यातित माल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुत्क कण्वे माल पर उत्पादन शुरुक के रिबेट के मामलें में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रवेश में निर्यातित है।
- (A) In case of rebate of duty of excise on goods exported to any country or territory outside India of on excleable material used in the manufacture of the goods which are exported to any country or territory outside India.
- (a) वदि शुल्क का भूगतान 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 duity.

अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन सुत्क के भुगतान के लिए जो बसूटी केंडिट मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो इस बात एवं नियम के मुताबिक वायुक्त, अपील के द्वारा पारित यो समय पर या बाद में बित्त अविनियम (नं2) 1998 बात 108 द्वारा नियुक्त किए गए ही।

- (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. 1988.

The above application shall be made in duplicate in Form No. EA-8 as specified under Rule, 64 Octarial Exists (Append) Foults, 2011 within 5 months from the date on which the provide the appendix against is communicated and shall be accompanied by too copies each the QIO and Order-In-Appent. It should also be accompanied by a copy of TR4 Challen evidencing payment of preacribed tee as prescribed under Section SEEE of CEA, 1944, under Might Head of Account.

(2) रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहीं संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम होतो रूपये 200/-फीस भूगतान की जाए और जाहों संतग्नरकम 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 अमीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील— Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

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

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

- (७) एमतक्षितित परिष्ठेद 2 (१) क में बताए अनुसार के अत्यावा की अपील, अपीलो के मामले में सीमा शुलक, केन्द्रीय जल्यावन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर वर्षालीय न्यायाधिकरण<u>(सिस्टेट)</u> की परिषम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद क्ष 2nd माला. ब्रह्ममाली भावन , असरवा , गिरधरनागर, अहमदाबाद-30004
- (a) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excles & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at 2rd Floor,Bahumal Bhawan, Asawa, Girdhar Nagar, Ahmedabad : 380004, in case of appeals other than as mentioned in pare-30(16) above.



The appeal to the Appealest Tribunal shall be filed in quadruplicate in form EA-3 as prescribed under Rais 6 of Contral Exclose/Appeal Rules, 2001 and shall be the Rais Rules (Rais 1 and Rules) (Rais Rules) (Ra

(3) যহি হল আইল में কई मूल আदेशों का समायेश होता है तो प्रत्येक मूल ओदश के लिए फील का मुगातान उपगुंदल दंग से किया जाना माहिए इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी कि लिखा पत्री कार्य से बचने के लिए zarifædin व्यतीय ग्यापाविरूपण को एक व्यतील या केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक आदेवन 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 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) ज्यायालय युल्कअधिनियम 1970 व्ययासंशोधित की अनुसूचि–1 के अंतर्गत शिवांस्ति किए अनुसार उक्त आदेवन या मुख्याक्षेत्र यवास्थिती निर्णयन प्राविकारों के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रतिपर रू.6.50 पैसे जाऱ्यायालय सहल ठिव्यट जगा होना पाछिए।
- 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 शुरुक, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुरुक एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय ग्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निष्ठित 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.

१७ सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेयाकर अपीलिय न्यायायिकरण[सिस्टेट], के प्रतिक्षमीलो के मामले में कर्तवयमॉपटिल्लाकरी एवं देव(Pennity) का 10% पूर्व कमा करना अतिवार्य है। हासांकि, अश्विकत्म पूर्व क्या 10 करोत क्या है (Section 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944)

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद जुल्क और सेवाकर के अंतर्गत, ज्ञामिल होगा "कर्ताव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded)-

- a. (Section) खंड 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि;
- इण लिया गलत सेनवेट क्रेडिट की राधि;
- बण सेन्वेट क्रेशिट नियमों के नियम 6 के तहत देय राशि.
- यह पूर्व जमा 'लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तुलना में, अपील' चाखिल करने के लिए पूर्व यार्त 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-depended, provided that the predeposit amount hall not exceed Re.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 Exceed Ar (144, section 35 S decimes 6Ar the Thanse Ak-(1394))

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.

()) वार्टिवार क्रुआकर वार्ट्स के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दरण विवादित हो तो मौंग किए गए शुल्क के 10% इस आदेश के प्रति अपील प्राधिकरण के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दरण विवादित हो तो मौंग किए गए शुल्क के 10% भगतान पर और जाहें केवल दरफ विवादित हो तव दरफ 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 nealty alone is in dispute.



ORDER IN APPEAL

The present appeal has been filed by M/s. Patel Shilpaben Paragbhai, Proprietor of M/s. Shilpa Corporation, Kabootar Khana, Kalupur, Ahmedabad-380001 87/1. (hereinafter referred to as "the Appellant") against Order in Original No. 379/AC/Div.-I/HKB/2022-23 dated 31.01.2023 hereinafter referred to as "the impugned order"] passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central GST, Division-I, Ahmedabad South (hereinafter referred to as "the adjudicating authority").

2. Briefly stated, the facts of the case are that the Appellant were not registered with Service Tax department. They are holding PAN No. ABRPP5863G. As per the information received from the Income Tax department, the Appellant had earned substantial service income from services during F.Y. 2014-15 & 2015-16, however they did not obtain service tax registration and did not pay service tax on such income from service. The Appellant were called upon to submit the documents, however, the Appellant failed to submit the required details / documents. Therefore, the Appellant were issued Show Cause Notice bearing No. V/15-238/Div-I/Patel Shilpaben Paragbhai/2020-21 dated 15.12.2020, wherein it was proposed to:

- Demand and recover an amount of Rs. 5,89,163/- under a) proviso to Sub Section (1) of Section 73 of the Finance Act, 1994; along with interest under section 75 of the Finance Act 1994 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act').
- b) Impose penalty under the provisions of Section 77 (1) and 78 of the Act
- 3. The SCN was adjudicated vide the impugned order wherein: The demand of service tax amounting to Rs. 5,89,163/-
- a)

was confirmed along with interest.

- Penalty amounting to Rs. 5,89,163/- was imposed under section 78(l) of the Act.
- Penalty amounting to Rs. 10,000/- was imposed under section 77(l) of the Act.

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

- All the allegations/demands/penalties confirmed in the Order In-Original and unfortunately upheld by the respondent, are based on assumptions and presumptions and not on concrete evidence.
- The SCN issued by the AO was beyond jurisdiction and not empowered to invoke the extended period of 5 years as the Appellant is concealed noting at his end and the information collected and received from the income tax department i.e. 26AS credit in relation to services provided is itself available at the income tax department since end of the FY 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. The Assessing office may derive and access the 26AS information 'any time from the portal which cannot be a ground for invoking of extended period. So the proceedings initiated by the assessing officer is NULL and VOID to be set aside and all the demands, interest and penalties levied. The Order passed by the assessing officer is bad in law and beyond jurisdiction.
- The Appellant is not registered under the service tax law at the pretext of nature of service being provided and the practice being followed in the agriculture and food industry that the Services by any agricultural produce marketing committee or board or septiggs.provided by a

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commission agent for sale or purchase of agricultural produce are also covered in negative list. The Appellant had received brokerage from agriculture products like paddy/tice sales and purchase. Paddy/rice is agriculture produce, in view of above and nature of service activity provided by us is in relation to agriculture produces and which is mentioned in negative list under section 66D of Finance Act, 1994, so we have not obtained the Service tax Registration Number.

As per Clause (d) (vii) of section 66D, service provide by a commission agent for sales or purchase of agriculture produce are not taxable. The services provided by commission agent had been exempted vide Notification No. 12/2017 Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 for CGST and notification no 47/ST-2 dated 30-06-2017 for levy of S037 vide entry no 54.

The word 'commission agent is not defined in the statute. In trade parlance the commission agent is the person who cause sale or purchase of agriculture produce. It may be mentioned that prior to 01-07-12 also. Notification No 8/2004 ST dated 9-7-2004 exempted the, service tax of commission agent who cause sales or purchase of agriculture produce from payment of service tax the said exemption is continuing specifying the same in the negative list. Our income of commission of paddy sales or purchase. In view of above, service provided as commission agent for agriculture produce and on earning of commission on sale or purchase of agriculture produce in rice millers and stockiest, there is no liability towards service tax on the services provided as commission agent for agriculture produce. As per Notification No 33/2012 dated 20/06/2012 availing threshold exemption limit of



10 lakhs for taxable service.

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The Invoices raised by the Appellant is having description Export Rice Brokerage, Local Rice Brokerage, Local Paddy Brokerage, and Export Paddy Brokerage and in the outer column mentioned quantity and rate of brokerage in Quintals and total amount of brokerage. Therefore the AO totally failed to establish the quantum of exempted service and taxable Service while deriving the value of taxable service and service tax liability. The assessing officer has not cross examined the invoices with recipient of service nature of agriculture produces for which commission agent services rendered.

- The Assessing officer has not examined the Invoices and information received from income tax department i.e. 26AS entries in relation to service provided by the assessee. Also the Income Tax Return Statement of Income. Balance Sheet, Profit & account and all related invoices produced and explained the nature of service provided by the Appellant as commission agent in relation to Rice Millers and Merchant export for trading of paddy and rice processed by rice millers.
- The penalties levied under section 77(1) of finance act 1994 for Non- registration under Service Tax Act, is to be set aside as the Appellant service falls under the category of negative list and claim of Appellant is not accepted by the assessing officer.
- Further penalties levied under section, 78 of finance act 1994 at the ground of invoking of extended period as the assessing officer deliberately without any authority, approval and genuine ground which satisfying the conditions stated in the finance act, J294 for invoking of



extended period, is to be set aside in the interest of justice of principal of natural law and equality.

The Service tax liability being calculated by the assessing officer is not calculated correctly the assessing officer erred while considering the total bill value as value of Taxable Service even though the Appellant has not charged any service tax in the invoices raised, sul it should be based on gross up value of invoice value inclusive of service tax.

5. Personal Hearing in the case was held on 09.11.2023. Shri Asdiya Dixit, C.A., appeared on behalf of Appellant for the hearing. He reiterated the contents of the written submissions made in appeal memorandum. He further informed that the Appellant provides commission agent service for sale or purchase of agricultural produce which is covered under negative list by way of Section 65D(d)(vii) of the Finance Act, 1994. Hence the Appellant is not liable for payment of service tax. Therefore the Appellant pb eallowed.

6. The Appellant have submitted following documents (A) Form 26A8 (Annual Tax Statement under Section 203AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961) certificate for F.Y. 2014-15 & 2015-16. In the additional submission the Appellant have provided copy of Income Tax Return and Form 26AS for the F.Y. 2013-14.

6. I have gone through the facts of the case, submission made in the Appeal Memorandum, the submission made at the time of personal hearing and oral submissions made at the time of personal hearing. The issue before me for decision is whether the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority confirming demand of service tax amount of Re. 5,59,163/-



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along with interest and penalties, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, is legal and proper or otherwise. The dispute pertains to the period F.Y. 2014-15 & 2015-16.

It is observed that the demand of service tax was raised 7. against the Appellant on the basis of the data received from Income Tax department. It is stated in the SCN that the nature of the activities carried out by the Appellant as a service provider appears to be covered under the definition of service; appears to be not covered under the Negative List of services as per Section 66D of the Act and also declared services given in 66E of the Act, as amended; appears to be not exempted under mega exemption Notification No. 25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 as amended. However, nowhere in the SCN it is specified as to what service is provided by the Appellant, which is liable to service tax under the Act. No cogent reason or justification is forthcoming for raising the demand against the Appellant. It is also not specified as to under which category of service, the non payment of service tax is alleged against the Appellant. The demand of service tax has been raised merely on the basis of the data received from the Income Tax. However, the data received from the Income Tax department cannot form the sole ground for raising of demand of service tax.

8. From the ongoing paras above, I find that as per the information received from the income Tax department, the said Appellant had earned substantial income; however, they did not obtain service tax registration and did not pay service tax thereon. Subsequently, from the defense reply/ written submissions and other documents available on records, I find that Appellant have contended that they were engaged in brokerage business of paddy grains. On perusaid of Form 26AS for the impugned period, it is found that they have earned income of Re. 19,455,617/. in F.Y. 2014-15 and Re. 22,13,258/- in F.Y. 2014-15 as prokerage/commission from trading of the time of the time tax and the second that they have earned income of Re. 19,455,617/. in F.Y. 2014-15 and Re. 22,13,258/-



grains (paddy) which is confirmed by the fact that the said income was deducted under Section 194H of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Relevant part of Section 194 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 is reproduced as under :

1941. Commutation on levelsenges—drug person, mot testing an individual or a Hindu undividual family, who is responsible for paying, on a rafter the 1 st day of Jone, 2001, to a steadim, <u>rapin concert to wur of commission (not beling</u> <u>insurvance commission reference</u>) to in section 1940D us involvenge, shall, at thes inse of certain of such insome to the account of the payse or at the time of prometing truck incomes in accusive by the issue of a cheque or draft or by any other mode, whichever is earlier, deduct income-face thereon at the rate of tem per cent:

9. In view of above provision, it is confirmed that the Appellant had earned income as brokerage. Upon the verification of the submissions by the Appellant, I find that they were engaged in the trading of agriculture produce (paddy). Copies of certificate issued by various purchasers of paddy/TDS deductors and Ledger A/c submitted by them confirm the fact that they were engaged in trading of Agriculture Produce and their activity does not amount to provision of Service. Based on Form 26AS for the F.Y. 2014-15 and certificate of various TDS deducters, the details of income is shown as under:

Sr. No.	Name of TDS Deductor	Amount Paid
1	Gajanand Rice Mill	1,59,525
2	International Commodites	2,9,120
3	Janki Rice & Solvent Industries Pvt. Ltd.	1,25,759
4	Jay Shiv Agro Industries	2,54,199
5	Green and Green Agro Industries	1,26,079
6	Nipon Agro Pvt. Ltd.	2,28,614
7	Narula Oil and Fats Pvt. Ltd.	1,15,394
8	Ratan Agro	3,63,363
9	Shree Gauri Rice Mill Pvt.Ltd.	1,39,65
10	Sita Agro Industries	45,24
11	Murlidhar Agro Food Pvt. Ltd.	. 55,610
12	Navdeep Rice & Pulse Mill	90,776
13	Platinum Grains Pvt. Ltd.	2,52,182
	Total	19,85,517

11. On considering the above table, I observe that the Appellant had earned an income of Rs. 19,85,517/- out of total impugned income of Rs. 21,70,121/- as brokerage/commission from selling of paddy grains to various firms for the F.Y. 2014-15. Similarly, in the F.Y. 2015-16 the Appellant had earned an income of Rs. 22,13,358/- from selling of paddy grains to M/s. HRMM Agro Overseas Pt. Ltd. As stuch, Income Rs. 19,85,517/- in F.Y. 2014-15 and Rs. 22,13,358/- in F.Y. 2015-16 is non-taxable income in terms of para (vii) of Sub-section (d) of Section 66D of the Act. Relevant portion of Section 65D(d)(vii) of Finance Act, 1994, is reproduced below:

"SECTION 66D. Negative list of services.-

(d) services relating to agriculture or agricultural produce by way of-

 agricultural operations directly related to production of any agricultural produce including cultivation, harvesting, threshing, plant protection or testing:

(ii) supply of farm labour;

(iii) processes carried out at an agricultural farm including tending, pruning, cutting, harvesting, drying, cleaning, triminning, aun drying, fumigating, cuting, sorting, grading, cooling or bulk packaging and such like operations which do not alter the essential characteristics of agricultural produce but make it only mathetable for the primary market;

(iv) renting or leasing of agro machinery or vacant land with or without a structure incidental to its use;

 (v) loading, unloading, packing. storage or warehousing of agricultural produce;



(v) agricultural extension services;

(vii) services by any Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee or Board or services provided by a commission agent for sale or purchase of aericultural produce

10. As regard to the remaining income of Rs. 1,84,604/- (Rs. 21,70,121/- () Rs. 19,85,517/-) in F.Y. 2014-15, for which the Appellant contended that they were eligible for benefit of threshold limit of exemption as per the Notification No. 33/2012-8T dated 20.06.2012, I find that their income for the FY. 2013-14 is also non taxable income by the way of para (wij) of Sub-section (d) of Section 66D of the Act and therefore the Appellant are eligible for taking the benefit of threshold exemption on income of Rs. 1,84,604/- for the FY. 2014-15 and therefore not liable to pay Service tax in terms of Notification No. 33/2012-8T dated 20.06.2012 for F.Y. 2014-15.

 Since the demand of service tax is not sustainable on merits there does not arise any question of interest or penalty in the matter.

11. Accordingly, in view of my foregoing discussions, I set aside the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority for being not legal and proper and allow the appeal filed by the Appellant

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



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