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(ख)	अपील आदेश संख्याऔर दिनांक / Order-In –Appeal and date	AHM-EXCUS-001-APP-300/2023-24 and 29.02.2024			
(ग)	पारित किया गया / Passed By	श्री ज्ञानचंद जैन, आयुक्त (अपील) Shri Gyan Chand Jain, Commissioner (Appeals)			
(घ)	जारी करने की दिनांक / Date of Issue	06.03.2024			
(ङ)	Arising out of Order-In-Original No. 149/AC/Javed Khan Pathan/DIV-II/A'bad South/JDM/2022-23 dated 01.02.2023 passed by The Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division-II, Ahmedabad South				
(च)	अपीलकर्ता का नाम और पता <i>।</i> Name and Address of the Appellant	The Assistant Commissioner, CGST & C. Ex., Division – II, Ahmedabad South. GST Bhavan, Ahmedabad.			
(छ)	प्रतिवादी का नाम और पता / Name and Address of the Responded	M/s. Javed Khan Yakub Khan Pathan, Sanjari Associates, FF-8, Pinki Plaza Complex, Near Bibi talav, Vatva, Ahmedabad - 382440			

कोई व्यक्ति इस अपील-आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे बताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को अपील अथवा पुनरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकता है, जैसा कि ऐसे आदेश के विरुद्ध हो 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 पूवोक्त 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, 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 : -

(क) 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 मे हो माल की प्रकिया के दौरान हुई हो।

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.

(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।

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।

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

(घ) 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।

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.

(2) 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 भीतरमूल-आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो-दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ का 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.

(3) रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम होतो रूपये 200/- फीस भुगतान की जाए और जहाँ संलग्नरकम 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.

 केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35-बी/35-इ के अंतर्गतः-Under Section 35B/ 35E of CEA, 1944 an appeal lies to :-

(2) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद 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।

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 above para.

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 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 शुल्क अधिनियम 1970 यथा संषोधित की अनुसूची -1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूलआदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रतिपर 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) एके प्रति अपीलो 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)।

(1) खंड (Section) 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि;

- (2) लिया गलत सेनवैट क्रेडिट की राशिय;
- (3) सेनवैट क्रेडिट नियमों के नियम 6 के तहत देय राशि।

यह पूर्व जमा ' लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तुलना मेंए 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.

(6) (i) 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 following appeals have been filed under section 84(1) of the Finance Act, 1994 (hereinafter referred as 'the Act') by the Assistant Commissioner, CGST & C. Ex., Division-II, Ahmedabad South Commissionerate (hereinafter referred as 'appellant') in compliance to Order-in-Review Nos. 06/2023-24 dated 26.04.2023 passed by Commissioner, Central GST, Ahmedabad South (hereinafter referred to as. the "the reviewing authority" also) against Order-in-Original No. 149/AC/Javed Khan Pathan/DivII/A'bad South/2022-23 dated 01.02.2023 (hereinafter referred as "the impugned order") passed by the Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division - II, Ahmedabad South (hereinafter referred as "the adjudicating authority") in the case of M/s Javed Khan Uakub Khan Pathan, Sanjari Associates, FF-8, Pinki Plaza Complex, Near Bibi Talav, Vatva, Ahmedabad-382440 (hereinafter referred as "the Respondent").

Sr.		Review Order	Order-In-Original No. &
No.		No. & Date	Date
01.	GAPPL/COM/STD/506/2023- APPEAL Dated 26.05.2023	06/2023-24 dated 26.04.2023	149/AC/Javed Khan Pathan/DivII/A'bad South/2022- dated 01.02.2023

2. Briefly stated, the facts of the case are that the respondent, having PAN No. BENPP0302N had earned substantial service income during the F.Y. 2015-16 & 2016-17. On scrutiny of the data received from Income Tax department, it was noticed that the respondents had earned an income of Rs. 12,18,200/during the F.Y. 2015-16 and Rs. 14,35,685/- during the F.Y. 2016-17. Accordingly, it appeared that the respondent 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 respondent were called upon to submit copies of required documents for assessment for the said period. However, the respondent had not responded to the letters issued by the department. 2.1 The respondent were issued Show Cause Notice bearing F.No. WS0205/Third Party Data (2015-16)44/20-21 dated 28.12.2020 and F.No. WS0205/TPD-16-17)SCN-Javed khan Yakubkhan Pathan/2020-21 dated 30.03.2022 during the period 2015-16 & 2016-17 wherein:

a) Demand and recover an amount of Rs. 3,91,992/- under the provision to Sub Section (1) of Section 73 of the Act along with interest under section 75 of the Act.

b) Late fee for each ST-3 return filed late for the relevant period under Rule 7C of the Service Tax Rules, 1994 read with Section 70 of the Act, Imposed penalty under Section 77(1) of the Act for failure to take service tax registration as per the provision of Section 69 of the Act, and penalty under Section 78 of the Act for non-payment of service tax by wilfully suppressing the facts from the department with intent to evade the payment of service tax.

4. The Commissioner, Central GST, Ahmedabad South, in exercise of the power conferred on him under Subsection 1 of Section 84 of the Act in order to satisfy himself as to the legality and propriety of the impugned order, directed the adjudicating authority vide Review Order No. 06/2023-24 dated 26.04.2023 to file an appeal before undersigned within stipulated period for determination of the legality and correctness of the impugned order on the following grounds:

It is observed that the adjudicating authority has dropped the proceedings initiated vide the SCNs, mainly on the ground that the service provider was undertaking job work service related to computer system , ie., computer repairing and sale of computer parts, CPU repairing and formatting computer etc. The adjudicating further observed that sale of computer spare parts did not fall within service tax and income accrued from repairing (Labour job work charges) of computer, for the



financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17 was Rs. 7,22,998/- and Rs. 7,93,583/ respectively which is below the threshold limit . of Rs. 10 Lakhs.

> However, the adjudicating authority has not discussed on the basis of which documentary evidences other than Profit and Loss account or some income tax related records furnished by the Service provider, he has come to the conclusion that the service provider had sold computer parts amounting to Rs. 4,95,202/- for the year 2015-16 and Rs. 6,42,102/- for the year 2016-17. The adjudicating authority has also not mentioned under which legal provisions the same is not leviable to service tax. Also, the adjudicating authority without mentioning or examining the provisions of relevant Notification governing the threshold exemption, has come to the conclusion that since the income earned by the service provider from repairing services were below the threshold Limit of Rs. 10 Lacs and hence, no service tax is leviable. Thus, the adjudicating authority without examining the relevant legal provisions has dropped the demand of service tax from the service provider which is legally incorrect. 6. The benefit relating to threshold exemption is governed by the Notification No. 33/2012 dated 20.06.2012 as amended. Unless all the conditions of the above Notification are fulfilled the benefit of threshold exemption of Rs. 10 lacks cannot be extended. One of such condition which is required to be satisfied has been given under Para 2(vii) of the said Notification which provides as under: "(viii) the aggregate value of taxable services rendered by a provider of taxable service from one or more premises, does not exceed ten lakh rupees in the preceding financial year. As per above provisions in order to claim/extend the benefit of threshold exemption for a particular financial year, the aggregate value of the preceding financial year is also required to be verified and if



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the same is below ten lakh rupees, only then the benefit of threshold exemption to the financial year under consideration can be extended/ claimed. In the instant case it is observed from the impugned OIO, that while extending the benefit of threshold exemption for the financial year 2015-16, the adjudicating authority has not verified the aggregate value of the taxable services rendered by the service provider for the financial year 2014-15 nor the same is furnished by the service provider during the course of adjudication.

5. The respondent were called upon to file a memorandum of cross objection against the appeals. Personal hearing in the case was held on 15-02-2024. Shri Naimesh Oza, Advocate appeared for personal hearing. He submitted the documents at the time of PH. He requested to uphold the order.

6. The respondent have submitted following documents in their submission (1) copy of Profit and Loss Account and Balance sheet during the F.Y. 2014-15 to F.Y. 2016-17, (2) copy of 26AS (TDS certificate) for F.Y. 2015-16 to F.Y. 2016-17, (3) copy of sample invoices/bills issued to their recipients belonging to F.Y. 2015-16 to 2016-17 (4) copy of ITR for the Year 2015-16 to 2016-17, (5) Ledgers pertaining to sales of service and sales of goods for the F.Y. 2014-15 to 2016-17.

7. I find that the respondent was engaged in job work services related to computer systems, including computer repairing and sale of computer parts. The adjudicating authority find that the income received from computer repairing services for the Financial Years 2015-16 and 2016-17 was Rs. 7,22,998/- and Rs. 7,983,583/- which did not exceed the threshold limit of Rs. 10 lakhs. In addition to that the adjudicating authority find that the sale of computer parts was deemed not liable for service tax. Consequently, the adjudicating authority dropped the proceedings initiated through the SCNs. However ality of the impugned Order was questioned on various grounds by the reviewing authority.

7.1. In their submission the appellant contended that the adjudicating authority did not thoroughly discuss the basis for concluding that the respondent sold computer parts for the amount of Rs. 4,95,202/- for the year 2015-16 and Rs. 6,42,102/- in the F.Y. 2016-17, nor did it specify under which legal provisions the same is not leviable to service tax. In addition to that, without considering or examining the relevant Notification governing threshold exemptions, the authority concluded that since the income from repairing services were below the Rs. 10 lakhs, no service tax was applicable.

7.2. The benefit of threshold exemption is governed by Notification No. 33/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012, which shows conditions that must be met to qualify for the exemption. As per Para 2(viii) of the Notification, verification of the aggregate value of taxable services rendered in the preceding financial year is required. The adjudicating authority failed to verify the aggregate value for the preceding financial year (2014-15) while extending the exemption for the Financial Year 2015-16.

7.3. In the objection against the appeal filed by the department the respondent vide their submission dated 15.02.2024 during the time of personal hearing replied that the respondent service value i.e. computer service for the year 2015-16 is Rs. 7,22,998/- and sale of computer parts is Rs. 4,95,202/- and for the 2016-17 computer repairing service is Rs. 7,93,583/- and trading of computer parts is Rs. 6,42,102/-. The respondent have submitted following documents in their submission (1) copy of Profit and Loss Account and Balance sheet during the F.Y. 2014-15 to F.Y. 2016-17, (2) copy of 26AS (TDS certificate) for F.Y. 2015-16 to F.Y. 2016-17, (3) copy of sample invoices/bills issued to their recipients belonging to F.Y. 2015-16 to P.Y. 2016-17



(4) copy of ITR for the Year 2015-16 to 2016-17, (5) Ledgers pertaining to sales of service and sales of goods for the F.Y. 2014-15 to 2016-17.

7.4. I have carefully gone through the submission of appellant and respondent and find that the major ground on which the appeal was filed is that the adjudicating authority did not discuss the basis for concluding that the respondent sold computer parts for the amount of Rs. 4,95,202/- for the year 2015-16 and Rs. 6,42,102/- in the F.Y. 2016-17.

7.5. Now I find on going through the submission of the respondent that they have submitted here copy of sample invoices/bills issued to their recipients belonging to F.Y. 2015-16 to 2016-17) and copy of Profit and Loss Account and Balance sheet during the F.Y. 2014-15 to F.Y. 2016-17.

7.6. On the basis of sample invoices/bills, I find that the respondent were engaged in both the business of sales of goods as well as sales of service and received income from the said business.

7.7. I have no doubt on scrutiny of the Profit and Loss Account and Balance sheet during the F.Y. 2014-15 to F.Y. 2016-17, that the income of the respondent from computer service for the year 2015-16 is Rs. 7,22,998/- and from sale of computer parts is Rs. 4,95,202/- and for the 2016-17 computer repairing service is Rs. 7,93,583/- and trading of computer parts is Rs. 6,42,102/-.

7.8. Additionally, the income of the respondent from sale of service in the preceding year i.e. F.Y. 2014-15 is Rs. 8,68,544/-which is clarified after the observation of Profit and Loss Account for the F.Y. 2014-15.

7.9. Thus I find that the service income in the impugned period on the basis of document submitted by the respondent compared be

said beyond the threshold limit i.e. 10 lakhs in the impugned period i.e. 2015-16 and 2016-17. However, the appellant contended that the exemption of threshold limit can be extended to the respondent subject to fulfilling the condition as mentioned in Para 2(viii) of the Notification No. 33/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012. I reproduce the Para 2(viii) of the Notification No. 33/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 as under:

"(viii) he aggregate value of taxable services rendered by a provider of taxable service from one or more premises, does not exceed ten lakh rupees in the preceding financial year."

7.10 In view of the above provisions, I find that as per the Notification No. 33/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012, as the aggregate value of taxable services rendered by respondent from one or more premises, does not exceed ten lakhs rupees in the preceding financial year i.e. 2014-15 and also in the impugned period, the respondent is eligible to take the benefit of threshold exemption both in F.Y. 2015-16 and 2016-17 and hence they are not liable to pay service tax in the impugned period. Since the demand of service tax is not sustainable on merits, there does not arise any question of interest or penalty in the matter.

8. In view of the above discussion, the appeals against the impugned order are rejected filed by the appellant.

9. 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.

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