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(ख)	अपील आदेश संख्याऔर दिनांक /	AHM-EXCUS-001-APP-349/2023-24 and 28.03.2024			
-	Order-In –Appeal and date				
(ग)	पारित किया गया /	श्री ज्ञानचंद जैन, आयुक्त (अपील)			
ļ.,	Passed By	Shri Gyan Chand Jain, Commissioner (Appeals)			
(ঘ)	जारी करने की दिनांक /	08.04.2024			
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(ङ)	Arising out of Order-In-Original No. 188/DC/Snehal/Div-6/A'bad South/PMT /2022-23 dated 09.01.2023 passed by The Deputy Commissioner (Tech.), CGST Ahmedabad South.				
(च)	पीलकर्ता का नाम और पता / ame and Address of the ppellant  M/s. Patel Snehal Jayanti Bhai, Prop. Of Car care Diagnostic Centre, A/3, Nilam Park Soceity, Nr. Subhash Chowk, Gurukul Road, Memnagar, Ahmedabad -380052				

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 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:

(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 में 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 इस उत्पादन शुल्क के रिबेट के मामलें में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित हैं।

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.

- (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 :-
- (2) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलों 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 present appeal has been filed by M/s. Patel Snehal Jayanti Bhai, Proprietor of Car Care Diagnostic Centre, A-3, Nilam Park Society, Nr. Shubhash Chowk, Gurukul Road, Memnagar, Ahmedabad - 380052 (hereinafter referred to as "the appellant") against Order-in-Original No. 47/AC/Dilshad R. Sheikh/Div-1/A'bad-South/JDM/2022-23 dated 06.10.2022 (hereinafter referred to as "the impugned order") passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central GST, HQ, 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. ACVPP6863F. On scrutiny of the data received from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for the FY 2015-16, it was noticed that the appellant had earned an income of Rs. 10,19,964/- during the FY 2015-16, 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 have neither obtained Service Tax registration nor paid the applicable service tax thereon. The appellant were called upon to submit copies of relevant 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. V/WS06/O&A/SCN-377/2020-21 dated 24.12.2020 demanding Service Tax amounting to Rs. 1,52,995/- for the period FY 2015-16 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; and imposition of fees/ penalties under Section 70, 77(1) and Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994.
- 2.2 The Show Cause Notice was adjudicated vide the impugned order by the adjudicating authority wherein the demand of Service Tax amounting to Rs. 1,52,995/- 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 2015-16. Further (i) Penalty of Rs. 1,52,995/- was imposed on the appellant under Section 78 of the Finance Act, 1994; and (ii) Penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the appellant under Section 77(1) of the Finance Act, 1994; (iii) Imposed late fees under Rule 7C of the Service Tax Rules, 1994 read with Section 70 of the Finance Act, 1994.

- 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 is engaged in the business of
    - (i) Servicing and repairing of vehicles
    - (ii) Testing and issuing pollution control certificate for vehicle
    - (iii) Selling spares and accessories of vehicles
  - Total turnover of the Appellant for the FY 2015-16 was Rs. 10,19,964/-which includes turnover of servicing of vehicles, services of issuing pollution control certificate as well as sells of spares and accessories of vehicles. Appellant submits that total income of providing services for FY 2015-16 does not exceeds threshold limit of Rupees ten lacs and accordingly is not required to obtain registration under Service Tax Regulations.
  - Appellant submits that sales turnover of accessories and parts are not taxable under Service Tax regulations. Turnover of services in the instant case is less than threshold limit of 10 Lacs. Therefore, impugned OIO confirming service tax demand on the basis of gross turnover which includes turnover of sales of accessories and parts of vehicles needs be set aside.
- 4. Personal hearing in the case was held on 15.03.2024. Shri Anil Chauhan, Chartered Accountant, appeared on behalf of the appellant for personal hearing. He reiterated the contents of the written submission and further requested for two day's time to make additional submissions

- 4.1 The appellant have vide their letter dated 18.03.2024 submitted Income 'Tax Return; Profit & Loss Account; Balance Sheet; invoices details with amount issued by them as additional written submission.
- 5. Before taking up the issue on merits, I proceed to decide the Application filed seeking condonation of delay. As per Section 85 of the Finance Act, 1994, an appeal should be filed within a period of 2 months from the date of receipt of the decision or order passed by the adjudicating authority. Under the proviso appended to sub-section (3A) of Section 85 of the Finance Act, 1994, the Commissioner (Appeals) is empowered to condone the delay or to allow the filing of an appeal within a further period of one month thereafter if, he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the period of two months. Considering the cause of delay given in application as genuine, I condone the delay of 01 days and take up the appeal for decision on merits.
- 6. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case, grounds of appeal, submissions made in the Appeal Memorandum, in the additional submission, 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 2015-16.
- 7. It is observed that the main contention of turnover of the Appellant for the FY 2015-16 was Rs. 10,19,964/- which includes turnover of servicing of vehicles, services of issuing pollution control certificate as well as sells of spares and accessories of vehicles. The sales turnover of accessories and parts are not taxable under Service Tax regulations and remaining turnover of services in the instant case is less than threshold limit of 10 Lacs.
- 7.1 It is observed that the adjudicating authority has in the impugned order observed that the appellant not submitted sufficient evidential proof, in support

of their claim to sale of goods and not from exemption from service tax and therefore, he confirmed the demand of service tax under the impugned order.

8. On verification of the documents submitted by the appellant, viz. Income Tax Return for the FY 2015-16; Profit & Loss Account for the FY 2015-16 and Invoices for sale of goods issued by the appellant during the FY 2015-16, I find that the appellant were also engaged in Sale / Trading in spares and accessories of vehicles during the FY 2015-16 along with providing services related to buffing and polishing utensils and received total income of Rs. 10,19,964/-, which includes sale of goods of Rs. 4,94,428/- and remaining income of Rs. 5,25,536/- from Service of Vehicles and PUC testing income. The sale of goods / trading of goods falls in Negative List as per Section 66D(e) of the Finance Act, 1994. Hence, the appellant are not liable to pay service tax on the said amount of Rs. 4,94,428/- during the FY 2015-16. Section 66D(e) of the Finance Act, 1994 reads as under:

### "SECTION 66D. Negative list of services.—

The negative list shall	comprise!	of the following	services,	namely:-
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- (a) .... ...
- (e) trading of goods;"
- 10. Further, I find that the appellant has contented to avail the benefit of the notification no.33/2012 dated 20.06.2012 reproduce as under.

#### Notification No. 33/2012-Service Tax dated 20.06.2012

"exempts taxable services of aggregate value not exceeding ten lakh rupees in any financial year from the whole of the service tax leviable thereon under section 66B of the said Finance Act".

10.1. As regards the leviability of service tax on the remaining income of Rs. 5,25,536/- and that whether the benefit of threshold limit of exemption as per the Notification No. 33/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 is admissible to the appellant or not, I find that the total value of service provided during the Financial Year 2014-15 was Rs. 313686/- from Service of Vehicles and Rs. 233,800/- from

PUC Testing as per the Statement submitted by the appellant, which is relevant for the value based exemption under Notification No. 33/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 for the FY 2015-16. I also find that the remaining taxable income received by the appellant was Rs. 5,25,536/- during the Financial Year 2015-16. Therefore, the appellant are eligible for benefit of exemption upto a value of taxable service amounting to Rs. 10,00,000/- during the FY 2015-16 and they are also not liable to pay Service Tax on remaining amount of Rs. 5,25,536/- for the FY 2015-16.

- 11. In view of above, I hold that the impugned order passed by the adjudicating authority confirming demand of Service Tax is not legal and proper and deserve to be set aside. 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.
- 12. Accordingly, I set aside the impugned order and allow the appeal filed by the appellant.
- 13. 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.

(ज्ञानचंद जैन)

आयुक्त (अपील्स)

Dated: 2021 March, 2023

अधीक्षक(अपील्स)

केंद्रीय जीएसटी, अहमदाबाद

#### By RPAD / SPEED POST

To,
M/s. Patel Snehal Jayanti Bhai,
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- 1) The Principal Chief Commissioner, Central GST, Ahmedabad Zone
- 2) The Commissioner, CGST, Ahmedabad South
- 3) The Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner (RRA), CGST,
- 4) The Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division VI, Ahmedabad South
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  - 7) PA file



