

आयुक्त (अपील - II) का कार्यालय केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क  
सैन्टल एक्साइज भवन, सातवीं मंजिल, पौलिटैक्नीक के पास,  
आंबावाडी, अहमदाबाद— 380015.

क फाइल संख्या : File No : V2(ST)120 /A-II/2015-16 / 2158 to 2162  
ख अपील आदेश संख्या : Order-In-Appeal No..AHM-SVTAX-000-APP-0103 -16-17  
दिनांक Date : 28.09.2016 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 05/10/16

श्री उमा शंकर, आयुक्त (अपील-II) द्वारा पारित

Passed by Shri Uma Shanker Commissioner (Appeals-II)

ग \_\_\_\_\_ आयुक्त सेवाकर अहमदाबाद : आयुक्तालय द्वारा जारी मूल आदेश सं  
\_\_\_\_\_ दिनांक : \_\_\_\_\_ से सृजित

Arising out of Order-in-Original No SD-02/REF-145/DRM/2015-16 Dated 14.10.2015

Issued by **Asstt. Commr., STC, Div-II, Service Tax, Ahmedabad**

घ अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पता Name & Address of The Appellants

**M/s. Adani Power Ltd. Ahmedabad**

इस अपील आदेश से असंतुष्ट कोई भी व्यक्ति उचित प्राधिकारी को अपील निम्नलिखित प्रकार से कर सकता है:-

Any person aggrieved by this Order-in-Appeal may file an appeal to the appropriate authority in the following way :-

सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को अपील:-

Appeal To Customs Central Excise And Service Tax Appellate Tribunal :-

वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 के अंतर्गत अपील को निम्न के पास की जा सकती:-  
Under Section 86 of the Finance Act 1994 an appeal lies to :-

पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठ सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण ओ. 20, न्यू मेंटल हास्पिटल कम्पाउण्ड, मेधाणी नगर, अहमदाबाद-380016

The West Regional Bench of Customs, Excise, Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at O-20, New Mental Hospital Compound, Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad – 380 016.

(ii) अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 (1) के अंतर्गत अपील सेवाकर नियमावली, 1994 के नियम 9 (1) के अंतर्गत निर्धारित फार्म एस.टी- 5 में चार प्रतियों में की जा सकेगी एवं उसके साथ जिस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील की गई हो उसकी प्रतियाँ भेजी जानी चाहिए (उनमें से एक प्रमाणित प्रति होगी) और साथ में जिस स्थान में न्यायाधिकरण का न्यायपीठ स्थित है, वहाँ के नामित सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र बैंक के न्यायपीठ के सहायक रजिस्ट्रार के नाम से रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में जहाँ सेवाकर की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या उससे कम है वहाँ रूपए 1000/- फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ सेवाकर की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या 50 लाख तक हो तो रूपए 5000/- फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ सेवाकर की मांग, ब्याज की मांग ओर लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 50 लाख या उससे ज्यादा है वहाँ रूपए 10000/- फीस भेजनी होगी।

(ii) The appeal under sub section (1) of Section 86 of the Finance Act 1994 to the Appellate Tribunal Shall be filed in quadruplicate in Form S.T.5 as prescribed under Rule 9(1) of the Service Tax Rules 1994 and Shall be accompanied by a copy of the order appealed against (one of which shall be certified copy) and should be accompanied by a fees of Rs. 1000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied of Rs. 5 Lakhs or less, Rs.5000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied is is more than five lakhs but not exceeding Rs. Fifty Lakhs, Rs.10,000/- where the amount of service tax & interest demanded & penalty levied is more than fifty Lakhs rupees, in the form of crossed bank draft in favour of the Assistant Registrar of the bench of nominated Public Sector Bank of the place where the bench of Tribunal is situated

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(iii) वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 की उप-धाराओं एवं (2ए) के अंतर्गत अपील सेवाकर नियमावली, 1994 के नियम 9 (2ए) के अंतर्गत निर्धारित फार्म एस.टी.-7 में की जा सकेगी एवं उसके साथ आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क (अपील) के आदेश की प्रतियाँ (OIA) (उसमें से प्रमाणित प्रति होगी) और अपर आयुक्त, सहायक / उप आयुक्त अथवा A219k केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को आवेदन करने के निदेश देते हुए आदेश (OIO) की प्रति भेजनी होगी।

(iii) The appeal under sub section (2A) of the section 86 the Finance Act 1994, shall be filed in Form ST-7 as prescribed under Rule 9 (2A) of the Service Tax Rules, 1994 and shall be accompanied by a copy of order of Commissioner Central Excise (Appeals)(OIA)(one of which shall be a certified copy) and copy of the order passed by the Addl. / Joint or Dy. /Asstt. Commissioner or Superintendent of Central Excise & Service Tax (OIO) to apply to the Appellate Tribunal.

2. यथासंशोधित न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम, 1975 की शर्तों पर अनुसूची-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार मूल आदेश एवं स्थगन प्राधिकारी के आदेश की प्रति पर रु 6.50/- पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकट लगा होना चाहिए।

2. One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjudication authority shall bear a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 paise as prescribed under Schedule-I in terms of the Court Fee Act, 1975, as amended.

3. सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्यविधि) नियमावली, 1982 में चर्चित एवं अन्य संबंधित मामलों को सम्मिलित करने वाले नियमों की ओर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है।

3. Attention is also invited to the rules covering these and other related matters contained in the Customs, Excise and Service Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

4. सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय प्राधिकरण (सीस्तेत) के प्रति अपीलों के मामलों में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1984 की धारा 34फ के अंतर्गत वित्तीय(संख्या-2) अधिनियम 2014(2014 की संख्या 29) दिनांक: 06.08.2014 जो की वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1984 की धारा 23 के अंतर्गत सेवाकर को भी लागू की गई है, द्वारा निश्चित की गई पूर्व-राशि जमा करना अनिवार्य है, बशर्ते कि इस धारा के अंतर्गत जमा की जाने वाली अपेक्षित देय राशि दस करोड़ रूपए से अधिक न हो

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर के अंतर्गत " माँग किए गए शुल्क " में निम्न शामिल हैं -

- (i) धारा 11 डी के अंतर्गत निर्धारित रकम
- (ii) सेनवैट जमा की ली गई गलत राशि
- (iii) सेनवैट जमा नियमावली के नियम 6 के अंतर्गत देय रकम

⇒ आगे बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान वित्तीय (सं. 2) अधिनियम, 2014 के आरम्भ से पूर्व किसी अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधीन स्थगन अर्जी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होंगे।

4. For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, it is mandatory to pre-deposit an amount specified under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2014 (No. 25 of 2014) dated 06.08.2014, under section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944 which is also made applicable to Service Tax under section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994 provided the amount of pre-deposit payable would be subject to ceiling of Rs. Ten Crores,

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.

⇒ Provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to the stay application and appeals pending before any appellate authority prior to the commencement of the Finance (No.2) Act, 2014.

4(1) इस संदर्भ में, 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।

4(1) In view of above, an appeal against this order shall lie before the Tribunal, where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute, or penalty, where penalty alone is in dispute.



**ORDER-IN-APPEAL**

This order arises on account of an appeal filed by M/s. Adani Power Ltd., Shikhar Building, Near Adani House, Near Mithakhali Six Roads, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as "the appellants"), against Order-in-Original number SD-02/Ref-145/DRM/2015-16 dated 14.10.2015 (hereinafter referred to as the "impugned order") passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Division-II, Service Tax, Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as the "Adjudicating Authority").

2. The facts of the case, in brief, are that the appellants are registered with service tax department having registration number AABCA2957LST001. The appellants had originally filed a refund claim of ₹17,08,540/- on 12.01.2010 in terms of Notification No. 09/2009-ST dated 03.03.2009.

3. The adjudicating authority after scrutiny of the claim, vide Order-in-Original number SD-02/Ref-69/2011-12 dated 27.01.2012, sanctioned an amount of ₹6,54,826/- (out of the total refund claim of ₹17,08,540/-) and rejected rest of the amount of ₹10,53,714/-. The appellants subsequently filed an appeal before the then Commissioner (Appeals-IV). The then Commissioner (Appeals-IV), vide Order-in-Appeal number 149/2013(STC)/SKS/Commr.(A)/Ahd. dated 18.07.2013, allowed an amount of ₹3,67,351/-, disallowed an amount of ₹3,66,151/- and remanded back the case to the adjudicating authority for an amount of ₹10,453/-. The adjudicating authority, vide the impugned order, sanctioned an amount of ₹5,150/- and rejected an amount of ₹5,303/-. The amount of ₹5,303/- was rejected on the ground that it was not possible to conclude whether the services of renting of cab were availed by the appellants outside the SEZ or not.

4. Being aggrieved with the impugned order of rejecting the refund amount of ₹5,303/-, the appellants filed the present appeal. The appellants have submitted that the adjudicating authority was not correct in rejecting the amount of ₹5,303/- merely because the place of visit was not mentioned in the respective invoices submitted by them. The appellants argued that they are a reputed public limited company having professional system in place for accounting and financial reporting. Their books of accounts were subjected to rigorous verification by their internal audit system as well as by various authorities including statutory auditors. They further submitted that during the period involved, they were carrying out single business of power generation and supply relating to authorized operations in SEZ and no other business was carried out. Thus, every bit of expense incurred by them and recorded in the accounts should be treated as used in relation to the



authorized operation.

5. Personal hearing in the case was granted on 04.07.2016 wherein Shri Rahul Patel, Chartered Accountant, on behalf of the appellants appeared before me and reiterated the contents of appeal memorandum. He also tabled additional submission before me.


6. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case on records, grounds of appeal in the Appeal Memorandum and oral/written submissions made by the appellants at the time of personal hearing. Now, let me examine the reasons of rejection and the defense reply given by the appellants.

7. To start with, I find that the adjudicating authority has rejected the refund amount of ₹ 5,303/- citing reasons that it was not possible to conclude whether the services of renting of cab were availed outside the SEZ or not. The service of Rent-a-Cab was provided by M/s. Akbar Travels and M/s. Bhoomi Tours & Travels and M/s. A.V.M. Tours. The appellants have submitted copies of all the invoices before me. On going through the said invoices, I find that in many instances the cab were used from Ahmedabad to Mundra but in certain invoices destination is not mentioned. For the places where destination is not mentioned, it would not be possible for the appellants to justify their cause as the authorized operations cannot be performed outside Mundra. They further claimed that during the period in question, they carried out only one business which is power generation and supply which is the authorized operation and hence, irrespective of the fact whether the cab service was availed for Mundra or any other place, the service was availed for the conduct of SEZ business only. In this regard, I believe that this is a baseless argument tabled by the appellants. Instead of clarifying how the cab service, where the destination is not mentioned, is related to their authorized services, they have claimed that any activity performed by them should be considered as part of authorized service. Their view, in this regard, is not correct because the services availed by them should appear to have been utilized in relation to the authorized operation. They have not countered the adjudicating authority with any acceptable documentary evidence and in absence of that; I uphold the views of the adjudicating authority in the cases where destination is vague or is not mentioned. However, the adjudicating authority should have allowed the claims where the invoices of the cab operators clearly show Mundra as the destination or inception point. In view of the above, I have verified whatever invoices the appellants have submitted before me and found that in eight invoices, the destination or inception point is clearly stated as Mundra and I find that a claim amount of ₹ 2,963/-, involving the said invoices, is eligible



to the appellants. In view of the above, I partially allow the refund claim of ₹2,963/- and reject ₹2,340/-.

8. In view of the above discussion, I allow the appeal of the appellants amounting to ₹2,963/- with consequential benefit and reject an amount of ₹2,340/-. The appeal is hereby disposed off in terms of the discussion held above.

  
(UMA SHANKER)

COMMISSIONER (APPEAL-II)  
CENTRAL EXCISE, AHMEDABAD.

**ATTESTED**

  
(S. DUTTA)

SUPERINTENDENT (APPEAL-II),  
CENTRAL EXCISE, AHMEDABAD.

**BY R.P.A.D.**

To,  
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5. Guard File.
6. P.A. File.



