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अपीलसं: Appeal No. 15/2024(SC)GST /

OIO No. 28/2023-24-SEC-ADJN-ADC(GST) dated 12.10.2023

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अपील आदेश ORDER-IN-APPEAL No.HYD-GST-SC-AP2-291-2024-25 तारीख Date. 19.08.2024

जारीकर्ताःश्रीराघवेंद्र, आईआरएस,संयुक्तआयुक्त, केन्द्रीयकरवजी.एस.टी. (अपील्स-॥) Passed by: Sri. P DEVARAJ, IRS, Commissioner of Central Tax & GST (Appeals-II)

उद्देशिका / PREAMBLE

- जसव्यक्तिकोयहप्रतिजारीकीजातीहै ,उसव्यक्तिकेनिजीउपयोगकेलिएनिशुल्कदीजातीहै।
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- 2. इस आदेश सेव्यथित कोईभी व्यक्ति,वस्तुए वंसेवाकर नियम 2017 ,केनियम 110 के साथ पठित केंद्रीय वस्तुए वंसेवाकर अधिनियम 2017 कीधारा (1) 112 के तहत इलेक्ट्रॉनिकया अन्य माध्यमसे, केन्द्रीयवस्तुएवंसेवाकरअधिनियम 2017 कीधारा 109 के तहतगठित उपयुक्त अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरणके राज्य / क्षेत्रकेक्षेत्राधिकारकेखंडपीठमेंउनमामलोंमें,जिनमें अपूर्तिकीजगह',विवाद-ग्रस्तविषयोंमेंसेएकनहो, अपील दायर कर सकता है।जहां आपूर्ति की जगह 'विवादितमामलोंमेंसेएकहै ,अपील ,उपरोक्तधारा 109 केतहतगठितराष्ट्रीय / क्षेत्रीय खंडपीठ के समक्ष दायर की जाए।जिस आदेशके विरुद्ध अपील दायर की जारहीहै उसे अपील कर्ताको संप्रेषित करने कीतिथि से) 3 तीन (माहकेअंदरअपीलजीएसटीएपीएल 05-फॉर्ममें दायर की जानीचाहिए। आदेश कीएक प्रमाणित प्रति,यदिलागू होतो नियम (5) 110 के अंतर्गत विहितशुल्कतथाअन्यसंगतदस्तावेज़संलग्नकरतेहुए ,अपीलपरनियम 26 केतहतविनिर्दिष्टतरीकेसेहस्ताक्षरिकएजाएं।

Any person aggrieved by this order, may under Section 112(1)of the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act 2017, read with Rule 110 of the CGST Rules, 2017; file an appeal electronically or otherwise, to the appropriate State / Area Bench of the Appellate Tribunal constituted under Sec 109 of the CGST Act 2017 in cases not involving 'place of supply' as one of the disputed issues. Where the 'place of supply' is one of the disputed issues, the appeal shall be filed with the National / Regional bench constituted under the said Sec 109. The appeal should be filed in Form GST APL-05 within 3(three) months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated to the person preferring the appeal. The appeal shall be signed in the manner specified under Rule 26, enclosing a certified copy of the order, the prescribed fee under Rule 110(5) if applicable, and any other relevant documents.

3. वस्तुएवंसेवाकरिनयम 2017 ,केनियम 111 केसाथपिठतकेंद्रीयवस्तुएवंसेवाकरअधिनियम 2017 कीधारा (3) 112 केतहतआयुक्तद्वाराप्राधिकृतअधिकारीइलेक्ट्रॉनिकयाअन्यमाध्यमसे,केन्द्रीयवस्तुएवंसेवाकरअधिनियम 2017 कीधारा 109केतहतगठितअपीलीयन्यायाधिकरणकेराज्य / क्षेत्रकेक्षेत्राधिकारकेखंडपीठमेंउनमामलोंमें,जिनमें आपूर्तिकीजगह 'विवाद-ग्रस्त विषयोंमें से एक नहों, अपील दायर कर सकताहै।जहां' आपूर्तिकीजगह 'विवादित मामलोंमें से एकहैं, अपील ,उपरोक्तधारा 109 केतहतगठितराष्ट्रीय / क्षेत्रीय खंडपीठ के समक्ष दायर की जाए।जिस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील दायरकी जा रहीहै उसे जारी करने की तिथिसे) 6 छः (माहकेअंदरअपीलजीएसटीएपीएल 07- फॉर्ममें दायरकीजानीचाहिए।अपीलकेसाथआदेशकीप्रमाणितप्रतिएवंअन्यसंगतदस्तावेजसंलग्नहो।विभागीयअपीलकेप्रत्याक्षेप,व स्तुएवंसेवाकरअधिनियम 2017 कीधारा(5) 112 केसाथपिठतिनयम (2) 110 केअनुसारजीएसटीएपीएल 06- फॉर्ममें इसके सम्प्रेषणके 45 दिनोंदिनोंकेअंदरदायरिकएजाएंऔरइसपरिनयम 26 मेविनिर्दिष्टतरीकेसेहस्ताक्षरिकएजाएं।

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The officer authorized by the Commissioner under Sec 112(3) of the CGST Act 2017, read with Rule 111 of the CGST Rules, 2017; file an appeal electronically or otherwise, to the State / Area Bench of the Appellate Tribunal constituted under Sec 109 of the CGST Act 2017 in cases not involving 'place of supply' as one of the disputed issues. Where the 'place of supply' is one of the disputed issues, the appeal shall be filed with the National / Regional bench constituted under the said Sec 109. The appeal should be filed in Form GST APL-07 within 6 (six) months of the date of issuance of the disputed order. The appeal shall enclose a certified copy of the order, and any other relevant documents. The cross objections to the departmental appeal shall be filed within 45 days of communicating it, in Form GST APL-06 in terms of Rule 110(2) read with Sec 112(5) of the CGST Act 2017 and signed in the manner specified in Rule 26.

(ii) The appellate tribunal has not been constituted in view of the order by Madras High Court in case of Revenue Bar Assn. v. Union of India and therefore the appeal cannot be filed within three months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated. In order to remove difficulty arising in giving effect to the above provision of the Act, the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has issued the Central Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 03.12.2019. It has been provided through the said Order that the appeal to tribunal can be made within three months (six months in case of appeals by the Government) from the date of communication of order or date on which the President or the State President, as the case may be, of the Appellate Tribunal enters office, whichever is later.

राजस्वअधिकरणकेमामलेमेंमद्रासउच्चन्यायालयकेआदेशकेमददेनजरअपीलीयन्यायाधिकरणकागठननहीं कियागयाहै IV । भारतसंघ और इसलिए अपील उसतारी खसेती नमही ने के भीतरदायर नहीं की जासकती, जिसदिन के खिलाफअपीलकरनेकाआदेशदियागयाहै।अधिनियमकेउपर्युक्तप्रावधानकोप्रभावीकरनेमेंउत्पन्नहोनेवालीक ठिनाईकोदरकरनेकेलिए,सरकारनेपरिषदकीसिफारिशोंपरकेंद्रीयवस्तूएवंसेवाकर(कठिनाइयोंकानौवांनिष्का सन)आदेश, 2019दिनांक 03. 12. 2019 जारी किया है। यह उक्त आदेश के माध्यमसे प्रदोन किया गया है कि ट्रिब्यून ल केपासअपीलतीनमहीनेकेभीतर(सरकारद्वाराअपीलकेमामलेमेंछहमहीने)आदेशयातिथिकेसंचारकीतारीखसे राष्ट्रपतियाराज्यअध्यक्षकेरूपमेंकीजासकतीहै।मामला,अपीलीयन्यायाधिकरणकेकार्यालयमेंप्रवेशकरसकता है, जोभीबादमेंहो।

धारा112 (8) केअनुसार, धारा 112 (1) के तहत तबतक कोई अपील दायर नहीं की जाएगी जब तक अपील कर्ताने (ए) आक्षेपित आदेश से उत्पन्नकर, ब्याज, फाइन ,श्लक वर्जुमीना के उस अंशका ,जो उस के द्वारास्वीकार कियागया है तथा(बी) उक्तआदेश ,जिस के संबंध में अपील दायर की गईहै ,से उत्पन्नधारा 107(6)केअंतर्गतप्रदत्तराशिकेअतिरिक्त ,विवादितकरकीशेषराशिके20% कापूर्णभुगताननहींकियाहो। In terms of Sec 112(8), no appeal shall be filed under Sec 112(1) unless the appellant has paid (a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him, and (b) a sum equal to 20% of the remaining amount of tax in dispute, in addition to the amount paid under Sec 107(6), arising from the said order, in relation to which the appeal has been filed.

धारा (1) 112 के तहत आवेदन पत्र के साथ रुपए 5 मूल्य) केवलपांचरुपये (का गैरन्यायि कन्यायालय 5.(i) शुल्क टिकटहो। नियम (5) 110 के साथ पठितधारा (10) 112 के अनुसार अपीलीय प्राधिकरणके समक्ष अपील / अपील प्रत्या वर्तनहेतु प्रस्तृत् आवेदन के साथअधिकतमरु .पंच्चीसहजाररुपयेके अध्यधीनकर / इनपुटटैक्सक्रेडिटकेप्रतिएकलाँखरुपएँकेलिएर एक हजार का शुल्क या क्रया इनपुटटैक्स क्रेडिंटमेंअंतरयाजिसआदेशकेविरुद्धअपीलकीजारहीहैउसमेंनिर्धारितफाइन ,श्ल्कयाज्मीनालगायाजाए। The application under Sec 112(1) shall bear a non-judicial court fee stamp of value Rs.5 (Rupees Five only). In terms of Sec 112(10) read with Rule 110(5), an application for appeal / restoration of appeal before the Appellate Tribunal shall be accompanied by a fee of One thousand rupees for every one lakh rupees of tax or input tax credit involved or the difference in tax or input tax credit involved or the amount of fine, fee or penalty determined in the order appealed against, subject to a maximum of twenty five thousand rupees

उपरोक्तधारा112कीउपधारा) 5 (मेंसंदर्भितक्लप्रत्याक्षेपोंकेज्ञापनकेसंबंधमेंकोईश्ल्कदेयनहींहोगा।

No fee is payable in respect of the Memorandum of Cross Objections referred to in sub-sec (5) of Sec 112 ibid.

धारा 12(3) के अंतर्गत, आयुक्त द्वारा अधिकृत अधिकारी द्वारा दायर किए जाने वाले आवेदन के 5.(iii) मामलेमें कोई शुल्क देय नहीं होगा।

No fee is payable in case of an application filed by the officer authorized by the Commissioner to file an appeal under Sec 112(3).

केन्द्रीय वस्तुए वंसेवा कर अधिनियम, 2017 में निहित उक्तएवं अन्य संबंधित मामलों को नियंत्रित करनेवालेप्रावधानों औरइनकेतहतबनाएगएनियम जारीकीगईअधिस्चनाओंकीओरध्यानआकर्षितकियाजाताहै। Attention is invited to the provisions governing these and other related matters, contained in the Central Goods & Services Act, 2017 and the rules made / notifications issued thereunder, for compliance.

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF CENTRAL TAX, APPEALS-II), HYDERABAD APPEAL No. 15/2024(SC)GST

M/ Nilgiri Estates, 5-4-187/3, 2nd Floor, Soham Mansion, M.G. Road, Secunderabad, Telangana – 500 003.

-Appellant

Vs.

The Additional Commissioner of Central Tax,

Secunderabadl GST Commissionerate, Lakdi-ka-pul, Hyderabad

-Respondent

This proceeding arise out of an appeal filed by M/s. Nilgiri Estates, 5-4-187/3, 2nd Floor, Soham Mansion, M.G. Road, Secunderabad, Telangana – 500 003, (hereinafter referred to as "Appellant") against Order in Original No. 28/2023-24-SEC-ADJN-ADC(GST) dated 12.10.2023, (hereinafter referred to as "Impugned Order") issued by Additional Commissioner of Central Tax, Secunderabad GST Commissionerate, Hyderabad (hereinafter referred to as respondent).

- 2. The accounts of the taxpayer were audited by the Audit II Commissionerate and raised demand notice vide dated 19.05.2023. After following due course of law, the respondent vide the impugned order No. 28/2023-24-SEC-ADJN-ADC(GST) dated 12.10.2023, confirmed the following demands along with other demands under section 73 of the CGST Act, 2017 / TSGST Act, 2017, along with interest under Section 50 of the CGST Act, 2017 / TSGST Act, 2017.
 - i. Short payment of GST by adopting wrong method of valuation;
 - ii. Short payment of tax due to difference in tax rate;
- iii. Short payment of GST on comparison of tax liabilities declared in GSTR 1 vs GSTR 3B;
- iv. Excess availment of input tax credit compared with GSTR 2A; and
- v. Irregular availment of input tax credit on blocked credits.
- 3. Aggrieved by the decision of the respondent on the above demands, applicant filed the present appeal on the following grounds.
 - They are entered into two separate agreements, one for sale of land and one for constructions of villa on such sold land. Hence the valuation adopted by the department is not correct;
 - ii. Short payment of tax is not correct in as much as they have issued debit note and also paid part of the tax under DRC-03;
- iii. Respondent has not considered the excess paid tax in previous tax periods and considered negative entries only;
- iv. Respondent has not considered the tax periods where input tax credit is availed less than amount available under GSTR 2A; and
- v. The reversal of blocked credit made by them through DRC-03 is not considered by the respondent.

- 4. The authorised representative of the taxpayer respondent appeared for personal hearing and submitted that the actual land value has to be adopted for valuation. The department in the differences in negative are considered and ignored the positive differences i.r.o., GSTR 1 vs. 3B and GSTR 2A vs., 3B on wrong adoption of rate of tax, they have paid Rs.9.98 Lakhs instead of Rs.19.82 Lakhs.
- 5. I have gone through the facts of the case, the statement of facts, ground of appeal filed by the appellant and submissions made during personal hearing held in the case. I find the issues to be decided as under;
 - (a) Whether the method of valuation adopted by the appellant is correct;
 - (b) Whether the differential tax on account of difference in rate of tax confirmed is correct and legal;
 - (c) Whether the differential tax arrived on account of difference in GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B correct:
 - (d) Whether the confirming the demand of input tax credit availed in excess of GSTR 2A and Blocked Credits is correct and legal;
- 6. The applicant is a developer and is into construction of villas. Demand of short payment of GST was raised by the department on the method of valuation adopted by the appellant is not in conformity with SI. No.2 of the Notification No.11/2017 (Central Tax (Rate) dated 28th June, 2017. It is noticed from the sample sale deed and agreement of construction submitted by the appellant (SI. No.6 of Annexure-I i.e., Mr. P.V. Subramanyam) that the appellant is entering into two different deeds one for sale of plot and the other for construction of villa on such sold land. By entering into the sale deed for plot the taxpayer is transferring the title of the plot to the prospective buyer, and as per the agreement of construction the appellant is constructing villa on such sold plot.
- 7. The respondent considered both the transactions together and adopted the valuation as provided under Notification No.11/2017– Central Tax (Rate) dated 28th June, 2017, as amended. SI. No.2 of the Notification, which provides valuation of 'Construction Service'as under;
 - "2. In case of supply of service specified in column (3)of the entry at item (i) against serial no. 3of the Table above, involving transfer of property in land or undivided share of land, as the case may be, the value of supply of service and goods portion in such supply shall be equivalent to the total amount charged for such supply less the value of land or undivided share of land, as the case may be, and the value of land or undivided share of land, as the case may be, in such supply shall be deemed to be one third of the total amount charged for such supply.

Explanation. –For the purposes of paragraph 2, "total amount" means the sum total of,-(a) consideration charged for aforesaid service; and(b) amount charged for transfer of land or undivided share of land, as the case may be"

8. The valuation is provided in case of supply of construction service 'involving transfer of property in land or undivided share of land', and in the present case no such activity is being undertaken by the appellant as per the agreement for construction. The construction service agreed to be provided under 'agreement of construction' is not

transferring any land to the prospective customers. The transaction of land is separate from the transaction of construction of villa. Hence, the method provided under Sl.No.2 to the Notification No.11/2-17-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28th June, 2017, as amended, cannot be applied to the present case and therefore, the impugned order to that extent is not correct.

- 9. It is noticed by the audit that the appellant has paid GST @12% as against the tax rate of @18% on the construction services provided by them and differential tax of Rs.19,82,815/- was demanded. Instead of debating the applicability of rate of tax the appellant has made submissions with regard to the tax liability declared in GSTR I and actual tax payment made in GSTR 3B. Hence, the contentions of the taxpayer are out of place and cannot be considered. I am in agreement with the decision of the respondent to that extent.
- 10. Difference in tax liability declared in GSTR 1 and actual payment of tax made during the tax periods June, 2018 and March, 2019 was noticed and demand notice was issued for Rs.27,16,554/-. Respondent has confirmed without considering the submissions made by the appellant. The appellant has submitted the difference of tax liability declared in GSTR 1 and actual amount of tax paid in GSTR 3B for the period of audit. In certain months the appellant has paid more than what they have declared in GSTR 1 and in certain tax periods they have paid less than what they have declared in GSTR 1. Respondent without considering the excess payments made in earlier tax periods and has confirmed the demand. Board has categorically clarified vide para 4 of the Circular 26/26/2017- GST dated 29th December, 2017 that the excess paid tax in a particular tax period can be adjusted to the tax liability of subsequent tax periods. After adjusting such excess paid tax prior to June, 2018 and March, 2019 against the short payment of tax noticed for the said particular tax periods, the differential tax liability works out to Rs.5,15,478/- (Rs.2,57,739/- SGST of Rs.2,57,739/-). I, therefore, reduce the demand to Rs.5,15,478/-.
- 10.1. Appellant submitted that they have paid said differential tax vide DRC-03 dated 9th August, 2019, whereas it is noticed from the subject DRC-03 that the tax liability pertains to the tax period December, 2018, hence the same cannot be considered as payment towards the differential tax of Rs.5,15,478/-.
- 11. As regards to excess availment of input tax credit over and above GSTR 2A the appellant submitted that the impugned order has considered only those tax periods where there is less reflection of input tax credit in GSTR 2A and ignored where there is excess reflection of input tax credit. The appellant has recalculated the irregular input tax credit and arrived at Rs.17,78,059/- considering the input tax credit availed in excess and less over GSTR2A, for the period covered by the audit, i.e., 2017-18 to 2019-20. The contention of the taxpayer cannot be considered in as much as
 - the availment of credit has to be compared on financial year basis;
 - the time lines have been prescribed under Sec.16 of the CGST Act, 2017 in order to avail the input tax credit of particular financial year in subsequent financial year and which cannot be verified with the information submitted by the appellant;

- 11.2. Appellant further contended that GSTR 2A cannot be taken as a basis to deny the input tax credit during the prevailing period. Before availing the input tax credit, the appellants are required to make sure that the conditions prescribed under Sec.16 of the CGST Act, 2017 are fulfilled, and one of the conditions prescribed under sub section (c) is that the tax charged in respect of such supply has been actually paid to the Government. Mere possession of invoice and receipt of goods is not sufficient to avail the input tax credit by the appellant. They have to make sure that the tax charged has been paid by the supplier or otherwise. The details of outward supplies declared by the suppliers and their GSTR3B return filing status is made available to all the taxpayers in the common portal in the form of GSTR2A. The purpose of making such statement available to the taxpayers is to facilitate the taxpayers in taking reasonable steps before availing the input tax credit charged by their suppliers. If any invoice is reflecting in the GSTR 2A and the filing status of GSTR3B is positive it can be construed that the supplier has paid the tax charged in respect of such invoices, vis versa, wherever the invoices are not reflected in the GSTR2A or the supplier's filing status of GSTR3B is negative, such credit is considered as ineligible in as much as the same is not credited to the Government. Therefore, the field formations are using GSTR 2A as a tool to verify the eligibility of input tax credit availed by the taxpayers.
- 11.3. Instead of disputing the legality of comparing with GSTR 2A the appellant would have come up with detailed statement of invoices against which they have availed the input tax credit, matching with their GSTR3Bs, and would have explained the eligibility of excess input tax credit. To deal with the differences in input tax credit availed in GSTR 3B returns compared to GSTR 2A statement Board has issued circulars 183/15/2022-GST 27th December, 2022 and 193/05/2023-GST dated 17th July, 2023. The appellant would have made use of such circulars and come up with a proof to consider the eligibility of differential input tax credit confirmed in the impugned order. In the absence of which I agree with the confirmation of demand by the respondent. Appellant cannot ignore that the burden of proof of eligibility of input tax credit lies with them, as stipulated under Sec.155 of the CGST Act, 2017.
- 12. Coming to irregular availment of input tax credit of Rs.88,320/-, which was availed on the inputs that are blocked under Sec.17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017. The appellant is not disputing the fact availing such input tax credit, and are claiming that they have reversed such input tax credit under DRC-03 dated 7th January, 2020. The observations of the respondent are very much true and the said DRC-03 was pertaining to the specific tax period i.e., September, 2018 whereas the demand pertain to period 2017-18 to 2019-20. Hence the payment made under the subject DRC-03 cannot be considered as reversal of irregular input tax credit related to blocked credit of Rs.88,320/-. Hence the submissions of the appellant cannot be considered.
- 13. Appellant contended the confirmation of demands under Sec.74 of the CGST Act, 2017, and it is noticed that the same is invoked in cases of short payment of tax on account of wrong adoption of rate of tax and irregular availment of input tax credit on blocked credit. Appellant has not disputed both the demands on its merits, it implies that they are in agreement with the irregularity. In the era of self-assessment, the taxpayers are expected to take all reasonable steps in assessing the tax and eligible input tax credit, whereas the appellant has mis-declared the rate of tax as 12% as against 18% and blocked credit as eligible input tax credit. But for the auditing the accounts of the taxpayer the such discrepancies would have gone unnoticed causing loss to the exchequer. Hence the respondent is correct in applying the law.

14. Accordingly, I pass the following orders.

ORDER

The appeal is allowed partially to the extent of Rs.5,15,478/- being the tax adjusted and rest of the impugned order is upheld.

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