

::आयुक्त (अपील्स) का कार्यालय, केन्द्रीय वस्तु एवं सेवा कर और उत्पाद शुल्क:: O/O THE COMMISSIONER (APPEALS), CENTRAL GST & EXCISE,

दवितीय तल, जी एस टी भवन / 2nd Floor, GST Bhavan, रेस कोर्स रिंग रोड, / Race Course Ring Road.



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रजिस्टर्ड डाक ए. डी. दवारा :-

अपील फाइल संख्या Appeal File No

V2/20/BVR/2017

मूल आदेश सं / 010 No

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अपील आदेश संख्या (Order-In-Appeal No.):

BHV-EXCUS-000-APP-064-2017-18

आदेश का दिनांक /

जारी करने की तारीख Date of issue:

04.12.2017

01.12.2017 Date of Order:

कुमार संतोष, आयुक्त (अपील्स), राजकोट द्वारा पारित / Passed by Shri Kumar Santosh, Commissioner (Appeals), Rajkot

अपर आयुक्त/ संयुक्त आयुक्त/ उपायुक्त/ सहायक आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क/ सेवाकर, राजकोट / जामनगर / गांधीधाम। द्वारा उपरित्रेखित जारी ग मूल आदेश से सजितः /

Arising out of above mentioned OIO issued by Additional/Joint/Deputy/Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise / Service Tax, Rajkot / Jamnagar / Gandhidham :

अपीलकर्ता & प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता /Name&Address of the Appellants & Respondent :-घ Ardeec Eng(Sau) Pvt Ltd.., Industrial Area ..

इस आदेश(अपील) से व्यथित कोई व्यक्ति निम्नलिखित तरीके में उपयुक्त प्राधिकारी / पाधिकरण के समक्ष अपील दायर 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 ,केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय नयासधिकरण के प्रति अपील, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम ,1944 की धारा 35B के अंतर्गत एवं वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 के अतर्गत निम्नितिखित जगह की जा सकती है ।/ Appeal to Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal under Section 35B of CEA, 1944 / Under Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994 an appeal lies to:-(A)
- वर्गीकरण मूल्याकन से सम्बन्धित सभी मामले सीमा शुल्क केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की विशेष पीठ, वेस्ट ब्लॉक न 2. आर के पुरम. नई दिल्ली, को की जानी चाहिए ।/ The special bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal of West Block No. 2. R.K. Puram, New Delhi in all (i) matters relating to classification and valuation.
- उपरोक्त परिच्छेद 1(a) में बताए गए अपीलों के अलावा शेष सभी अपीले सीमा शुल्क, केदीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, , दवितीय तस, बहुमाली भवन असावी अहमदाबाद- ३८००९६ को की जानी चाहिए ।/ (ii)

To the West regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at, 2" Floor, Bhaumali Bhawan, Asarwa Ahmedabad-380016 in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para- 1(a) above

अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के समक्ष अपील प्रस्तुत करने के लिए केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001, के नियम 6 के अतर्गत निर्धारित किए गये प्रपत्न EA-3 को चार प्रतियों में दर्ज किया जाना चाहिए । इनमें से कम से कम एक प्रति के साथ, जहां उत्पाद शुल्क की माँग ज्याज की माँग और तथाया गया जुमोना, रुपए 5 लाख या उससे कम, 5 लाख रुपए सा 50 लाख रुपए तक अथवा 50 लाख रुपए से अधिक है तो क्रमशः 1,000/- रुपये अथवा 10,000/- रुपये का निर्धारित जमा शुल्क की प्रति सलग्न करें। निर्धारित शुल्क का भुगतान, संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा के सहायक रजिस्टार के नाम से किसी भी सावजिनक क्षेत्र के बैंक दवारा जारी रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट दवारा किया जाना चाहिए। संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा स्थित है। स्थान आदेश (स्टे ऑडर) के लिए आवेदन-पत्र के साथ 500/- रुपए का निर्धारित शुल्क जमा करना होगा।/ (iii)

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.5000/-, Rs.10.000/- where amount of duty demand/interest/penalty/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 Asst. Registrar of branch of any nominated public sector bank of the place where the bench of any nominated public sector bank of the place where the bench of the Tribunal is situated. Application made for grant of stay shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 500/-.

अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के समक्ष अपील, वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86(1) के अंतर्गत सेवाकर नियमवाली, 1994 के नियम 9(1) कि तहत निर्धारित प्रपत्र S.T.-5 में चार पतियों में की जा मकेगी एवं उसके साथ जिस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील की गयी हो, उसकी धित साथ में मतरन करें (उनमें से एक पति प्रमाणित होनी चाहिए) और इनमें से कम से कम एक पति के साथ जहां सेवाकर की माँग इयाज की माँग और लगाया गया जुमीना रुपए 5 लाख या उससे कम, 5 लाख रुपए या 50 लाख रुपए तक अथवा 50 लाख रुपए से अधिक है तो कमश 1,000/- रुपये 5,000/- रुपये अथवा 10,000/- रुपये का निर्धारित जमा शुरूक की पति सलगन करें। निर्धारित शुरूक का भुगतान, सर्वाधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा के सहायक रिजस्टार के नाम से किसी भी सार्वजिनक क्षेत्र के बैंक दवारा जारी रेखाकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट दवारा किया जाना चाहिए। सर्वाधित ड्राफ्ट का भुगतान, बैंक की उस शाखा में होना चाहिए जहां सर्वाधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा स्थित है। स्थगन आदेश (स्टे ऑर्डर) के लिए आवेदन-पत्र के साथ 500/- रुपए का निर्धारित शुरूक जमा करना होगा।/ (B)

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 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 five lakhs but not exceeding Rs. Fifty Lakhs. 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. / Application made for grant of stay shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.500/-.

वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 की उप-धाराओं (2) एवं (2A) के अनुगैत दुनें की गयी अपील, सेवाकर नियमवाली, 1994, के नियम 9(2) एवं 9(2A) के तहत निर्धारित प्रपत्र S.T.-7 में की जा सकेगी एवं उसके साथ आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अथवा आयुक्त (अपील), केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क द्वारा पारित आदेश की प्रतियाँ सलग्न करें (उनमें से एक पित प्रमणित होनी चाहिए) और आयुक्त दवारा सहायक आयुक्त अथवा उपायुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुरुका/ सेवाकर, को अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को आवेदन दर्ज करने का निर्देश देने वाले आदेश की प्रति भी साथ में सलग्न करनी होगी। । / The appeal under sub-section (2) and (2A) of the section 86 the Finance Act 1994, shall be filed in For ST.7 as prescribed under Rule 9 (2) & 9(2A) of the Service Fax Rules, 1994 and shall be accompanied by a copy of order of Commissioner Central Excise of Commissioner. Central Excise (Appeals) (one of which shall be a certified copy) and copy of the order passed by the Commissioner authorizing the Assistant Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Central Excise/ Service Tax to file the appeal before the Appellate Tribunal.

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एव सेवाकर अपीलीय प्राधिकरण (सेस्टेट) के पति अपीलों के मामले में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम 1944 की धारा 35एफ के अंतर्गत, जो की विस्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 83 के अंतर्गत सेवाकर को भी लागू की गई है, इस आदेश के प्रति अपीलीय (ii) प्राधिकरण में अपील करते समय उत्पाद शुल्क/सेवा कर मांग के 10 प्रतिशत (10%), जब मांग एवं जुमीना विवादित हैं, या जुमीना, जब केवल जुमीना विवादित हैं, का भृगतान किया जाए, बशर्त कि इस धारा के अतर्गत जमा कि जाने वाली अपीक्षत देय राशि दस करोड़ रुपए से अधिक न हों।

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर के अंतर्गत आंग किए गए शुल्क" में निम्न शामिल है

- धारा 11 डी के अंतर्गत रकम
- सेंबतेट जमा की ती गई गलत राशि
- सेनतेट जमा नियमावली के नियम 6 के अंतर्गत देय रकम
- बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान वित्तीय (सं 2) अधिनियम 2014 के आरम से पूर्व किसी अधीलीय पाधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधीन स्थगन अजी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होगे।/

For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, 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, 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, provided the amount of pre-deposit payable would be subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 Crores.

Under Central Excise and Service Tax, "Duty Demanded" shall include :

- amount determined under Section 11 D; (1)
- amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken (11)
- 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.
- Revision application to Government of India: इस आदेश की पुनरीक्षण याचिका निम्निलिखित मामलो में, केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 35EE के प्रथम परंतुक के अंतर्गत अवर स्विच, भारत सरकार, पुनरीक्षण आवेदन ईकाई, वित्त मंत्रालय, राजस्व विभाग, चौथी मंजिल, जीवन दीप भवन, संसद मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110001, को (C)

A revision application lies to the Under Secretary, to the Government of India, Revision Application Unit, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, 4th Floor Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, under Section 35EE of the CEA 1944 in respect of the following case, governed by first proviso to sub-section (1) of Section-35B ibid:

- यदि माल के किसी नुकसान के मामले में, जहां नुकसान किसी माल को किसी कारखाने से अंडार गृह के पारगमन के दौरान या किसी अन्य कारखाने या फिर किसी एक अंडार गृह से दूसरे अंडार गृह पदगमन के दौरान या किसी अंडार गृह में या अंडारण में माल के प्रसम्करण के दौरान, किसी कारखाने या किसी अंडार गृह में माल के नुकसान के मामले में।/
 In case of any loss of goods, where the loss occurs 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 (1) warehouse
- भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या क्षेत्र को नियात कर रहे माल के विनिर्माण में प्रयुक्त कच्चे माल पर भरी गई केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क के छुट (रिबेट) के मामले में, जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या क्षेत्र को नियात की गयी है। / (ii) 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.
- यदि उत्पाद शुल्क का भुगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर, नेपाल या भूटान को माल निर्यात किया गया है। / In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of duty. (iii)
- सुनिश्चित उत्पाद के उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो इयुटी क्रेडीट इस अधिनियम एवं इसके विभिन्न प्रावधानों के तहत मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो आयुक्त (अपील) के दवारा वित्त अधिनियम (न. 2), 1998 की धारा 109 के द्वारा नियत की गई तारीख अथवा समायाविधि पर या बाद में पारित किए गए हैं।/ (iv) 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 such order is passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) on or after, the date appointed under Sec. 109 of the Finance (No.2) Act, 1998.
- उपरोक्त आवेदन की दो प्रतिया प्रपन्न संख्या EA-8 में, जो की केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001, के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट हैं, इस आदेश के सप्रेषण के 3 साह के अंतर्गत की जानी चाहिए । उपरोक्त आवेदन के साथ मूल आदेश व अपील आदेश की दो प्रतिया सलगन की जानी चाहिए। साथ ही केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35-EE के तहत निर्धारित शुल्क की अदायगी के साक्ष्य के तीर पर TR-6 की प्रति (V) 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 OIQ 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.
- पुनरीक्षण आवेदन के साथ निम्नितिखित निर्धारित शुरूक की अदायगी की जानी चाहिए । जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम ही तो रूपये 200/- का भुगतान किया जाए और यदि संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये से ज्यादा हो तो रूपये 1000 -/ का भुगतान किया जाए । The revision application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 200/- where the amount involved in Rupees One Lac or less and Rs. 1000/- where the amount involved is more than Rupees One Lac
- यदि इस आदेश में कई मूल आदेशों का समावेश हैं तो प्रत्येक मूल आदेश के लिए शुरूक का भुगतान, उपर्युक्त ढंग से किया जाना चाहिये। इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी की लिखा पढ़ी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथास्थित अपीलीय नयाधिकरण को एवः अपील या केंद्रीय सरकार को एक आवेदन किया जाता है। / In case, if the order covers various numbers 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 lakh fee of Rs. 100/- for each (D)
- यथासशोधित न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम, 1975, के अनुमूची-। के अनुसार मूल आदेश एवं स्थरान आदेश की प्रति पर निर्धारित 6.50 रुपये का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकिट लगा होना चाहिए। / One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjudicating authority shall bear a court fee stamp of Rs. 6.50 as prescribed under Schedule-। in terms of the Court Fee Act, 1975, as amended (E)
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Findings:

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- 6. I find that the lower adjudicating authority has denied cenvat credit of service tax paid on services utilized for installation of Wind mill, inter-alia, on the grounds: -
 - (i) that electricity generated at Wind mill was being supplied to GEB and in lieu of the electricity so generated, GEB was providing set-off to the appellant in their factory at Surendranagar and therefore, it had no direct or indirect relation to manufacture of final product at Surendranagar, as required under Rule 2(I) of the Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004;
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premises. Therefore, the appellant is not eligible for cenvat credit of input used for generation of electricity sold by the appellant and therefore proportionate credit which is attributable to the electricity, not used / supplied in the factory premises would not be available and credit of Rs. 81,616/- out of total cenvat credit of Rs. 1,68,221/- would not be available to the appellant in terms of Rule 2(I) of the CCR.

- (v) The appellant has availed cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- on 31.03.2012 prior to the issuance of central excise invoice No. 22 dated 04.04.2012 which is in contravention of Rule 9 of the CCR.
- I find that the appellant has availed cenvat credit on service tax paid on 7. installation and erection services utilized at the Wind mill situated at distant place from the registered premises of the appellant. The contention of the department is that the services being utilized at a distant place, hence cenvat credit was not available to the appellant whereas, the appellant has pleaded that the definition of 'input service' covers such services. I would like to examine, definition of input service as defined under Rule 2(I) of the CCR, 2004 during the relevant period which is produced below for ready reference: -
 - "(I) "input service" means any service,
 - used by a provider of output service for providing an output (i) service; or
 - used by the manufacturer, whether directly or indirectly, in (ii) or in relation to the manufacture of final products and clearance of final products upto the place of removal,

and includes services used in relation to setting up, modernization, renovation or repairs of a factory, premises of provider of output service or an office relating to such factory or premises, advertisement or sales promotion, market research, storage upto the place of removal, procurement of inputs, accounting, auditing, financing, recruitment and quality control, coaching and training, computer networking, credit rating, share registry, security, business exhibition, legal services, inward transportation of inputs or capital goods and outward transportation upto the place of removal;

(Emphasis supplied)

7.1 It is a undisputed fact that the generation of electricity is taking place at

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Wind mill at a place away from the factory and the electricity so generated, is wheeled to the electricity authorities, who in turn, supplied electricity at the manufacturing unit of the appellants, as per agreed formulae, and that electricity was utilized at the factory for manufacture of the final products of the appellant. I find that the matter is no more res integra in view of the decisions of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court in the case of Endurance Technology Pvt. Ltd reported at 2017 (52) S.T.R. 361 (Bom) and the Larger Bench of CESTAT in the case of Parry Engg. & Electronics P Ltd reported at 2015 (40) S.T.R. 243 (Tri.-LB). I also find that there is no restriction under Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004 that the services should be utilized within the factory premises only.

- I find that the lower adjudicating authority has relied upon the decision in the case of Maruti Suzuki Ltd. Vs CCE, Delhi-III as reported at 2009 (240) E.L.T. 641 (S.C.). On study of this judgments, I find that the dispute in the Maruti case was relating to cenvat credit on inputs used in generating electricity, whereas in the case on hand, dispute is relating to cenvat credit on input services. Further, the part of electricity so generated was sold/wheeled out to joint ventures and vendors by the Maruti, whereas, in the instant case the wheeled energy is adjusted by PGVCL/GEB by giving set off in periodical bills of the appellants only. Also, the period covered in the above Maruti case is from January, 2003 to March, 2004, whereas in the present case, the period covered is from March, 2012 to February, 2015 and the definition of input service was amended in 2008, 2011 and 2012. Therefore, the facts of the case on hand and that of the Maruti Suzuki Ltd. *supra* are different and hence, the case-law relied upon by the lower adjudicating authority, is not correct at all.
- The lower adjudicating authority has also relied upon the decision in the case of CCE Vs Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd as reported at 2011 (22) S.T.R. 610 (Guj.). I find that in the case of Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd, the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat disallowed cenvat credit on security services provided at residential quarters of their workers, which had no connection with the manufacture of their final products, whereas, in the case on hand until and unless the Wind mill is installed/maintained, the appellant cannot produce electricity and the electricity so generated from the said Wind mill has been used to manufacture the final products of the appellant. Since, electricity received by the appellant has been used in manufacture of the final products of the appellant there is direct nexus. Therefore, this case law relied upon by the lower adjudicating authority also is not correct and

applicable in the instant case at all.

- Regarding the issue of the disallowance of proportionate cenvat credit of Rs. 81,616/- on account of sale of part of electricity so generated at Wind mill as held at para 25 of the impugned order, I find that denial of cenvat credit of service tax has been worked out on proportionate basis on account of sale of part of electricity. It is settled position of law that Cenvat credit can be taken on inputs/input service to the extent actually used/utilized in the manufacture of the final products. Since this is a case of selling of electricity, which has not been used for manufacture of final products and accordingly cenvat credit of input service attributable to quantum of electricity sold to PGVCL is not admissible to the appellant. Therefore, I find that denial of proportionate cenvat credit of Rs. 81,616/- on account of the sale of electricity is correct, legal and proper.
- As regard to disallowance of cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- availed on 31.03.2012 without valid document, I find that the lower adjudicating authority has correctly held that cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- is not admissible to the appellant as they not having valid document as provided under Rule 9 of the CCR. I further find that the appellant has neither raised any argument on this before the lower adjudicating authority nor in Appeal Memorandum and hence, denial of cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- is justified.
- Regarding interest liability and penal action for disallowance of cenvat credit, I find that the appellant had wrongly availed and utilized cenvat credit of Rs. 81,616/- by way of contravention of provisions of Rule 2(I) of the CCR as any cenvat credit of input service is admissible to extent the said service has been actually used/supplied to the factory premises. In the instant case, input services involved in the electricity so sold were not used/supplied to the factory premises. The findings of the lower adjudicating authority categorically mentioned that at the time of personal hearing, the appellant had admitted that they sold part of the electricity and this fact at no point of time disclosed by the appellant but came on record when specifically asked at the time of personal hearing held during adjudicating proceeding. I further find that the appellant had availed cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- on 31.03.2012 without having valid document as per Rule 9 of the CCR, which specify that the cenvat credit shall be taken by the manufacturer or the provider of output service or input service distributor, as the case may be, on the

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basis of an invoice, a bill or challan issued by a provider of input service and this fact came into knowledge at the time of audit. In view of above, I find that the appellant has wrongly availed and utilized cenvat credit and hence the appellant is required to pay appropriate interest under Rule 14 of the CCR read with Section 11AA of the Central Excise Act, 1944 and penalty under Rule 15 of the CCR read with Section 11AC of the Central Excise Act, 1944 in respect of disallowance of cenvat credit as discussed above.

- 8. In light of the above discussion and findings, I hold that the appellant is eligible to take cenvat credit of service tax on installation of Wind mill even if situated at a distant place from the factory premises. However, it can be allowed only to the extent actually used/utilized in the manufacture of the final products. Hence, denial of cenvat credit of Rs. 81,616/- and Rs. 44,033/- on account of sale of electricity and non-availability of valid document respectively, is justified and I uphold the same.
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- 9. The appeal filed by the appellant stands disposed off in above terms.

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By R.P.A.D.

To,

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which is in contravention of Rule 9 of the CCR.

- 7. I find that the appellant has availed cenvat credit on service tax paid on installation and erection services utilized at the Wind mill situated at distant place from the registered premises of the appellant. The contention of the department is that the services being utilized at a distant place, hence cenvat credit was not available to the appellant whereas, the appellant has pleaded that the definition of 'input service' covers such services. I would like to examine, definition of input service as defined under Rule 2(I) of the CCR, 2004 during the relevant period which is produced below for ready reference: -
 - "(I) "input service" means any service,-
 - (i) used by a provider of output service for providing an output service; or
 - (ii) used by the manufacturer, whether directly or indirectly, in or in relation to the manufacture of final products and clearance of final products upto the place of removal,

and includes services used in relation to setting up, modernization, renovation or repairs of a factory, premises of provider of output service or an office relating to such factory or premises, advertisement or sales promotion, market research, storage upto the place of removal, procurement of inputs, accounting, auditing, financing, recruitment and quality control, coaching and training, computer networking, credit rating, share registry, security, business exhibition, legal services, inward transportation of inputs or capital goods and outward transportation upto the place of removal;

(Emphasis supplied)

7.1 It is a undisputed fact that the generation of electricity is taking place at Wind mill at a place away from the factory and the electricity so generated, is wheeled to the electricity authorities, who in turn, supplied electricity at the manufacturing unit of the appellants, as per agreed formulae, and that electricity was utilized at the factory for manufacture of the final products of the appellant. I find that the matter is no more res integra in view of the decisions of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court in the case of Endurance Technology Pvt. Ltd reported at 2017 (52) S.T.R. 361 (Bom) and the Larger Bench of CESTAT in the case of Parry Engg. & Electronics P Ltd reported at 2015 (40) S.T.R. 243 (Tri.-LB). I also find that there is no restriction under Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004 that the services should be utilized within the factory premises only.

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- 7.2 I find that the lower adjudicating authority has relied upon the decision in the case of Maruti Suzuki Ltd. Vs CCE, Delhi-III as reported at 2009 (240) E.L.T. 641 (S.C.). On study of this judgments, I find that the dispute in the Maruti case was relating to cenvat credit on inputs used in generating electricity, whereas in the case on hand, dispute is relating to cenvat credit on input services. Further, the part of electricity so generated was sold/wheeled out to joint ventures and vendors by the Maruti, whereas, in the instant case the wheeled energy is adjusted by PGVCL/GEB by giving set off in periodical bills of the appellants only. Also, the period covered in the above Maruti case is from January, 2003 to March, 2004, whereas in the present case, the period covered is from March, 2012 to February, 2015 and the definition of input service was amended in 2008, 2011 and 2012. Therefore, the facts of the case on hand and that of the Maruti Suzuki Ltd. supra are different and hence, the case-law relied upon by the lower adjudicating authority, is not correct at all.
- 7.3 The lower adjudicating authority has also relied upon the decision in the case of CCE Vs Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd as reported at 2011 (22) S.T.R. 610 (Guj.). I find that in the case of Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd, the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat disallowed cenvat credit on security services provided at residential quarters of their workers, which had no connection with the manufacture of their final products, whereas, in the case on hand until and unless the Wind mill is installed/maintained, the appellant cannot produce electricity and the electricity so generated from the said Wind mill has been used to manufacture the final products of the appellant. Since, electricity received by the appellant has been used in manufacture of the final products of the appellant there is direct nexus. Therefore, this case law relied upon by the lower adjudicating authority also is not correct and applicable in the instant case at all.
- 7.4 Regarding the issue of the disallowance of proportionate cenvat credit of Rs. 81,616/- on account of sale of part of electricity so generated at Wind mill as held at para 25 of the impugned order, I find that denial of cenvat credit of service tax has been worked out on proportionate basis on account of sale of part of electricity. It is settled position of law that Cenvat credit can be taken on inputs/input service to the extent actually used/utilized in the manufacture of the final products. Since this is a case of selling of electricity, the same cannot be held that used for manufacture of final products and accordingly cenvat credit of input service attributable to quantum of electricity sold to PGVCL is not admissible to the appellant. Therefore, I find that denial of proportionate cenvat credit of Rs.

81,616/- on account of the sale of electricity is correct, legal and proper.

- As regard to disallowance of cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- availed on 31.03.2012 without valid document, I find that the lower adjudicating authority has correctly held that cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- is not admissible to the appellant as they not having valid document as provided under Rule 9 of the CCR. I further find that the appellant has neither raised any argument on this before the lower adjudicating authority nor in Appeal Memorandum and hence, denial of cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- is justified.
- Regarding interest liability and penal action for disallowance of cenvat 7.6 credit, I find that the appellant had wrongly availed and utilized cenvat credit of Rs. 81,616/- by way of contravention of provisions of Rule 2(I) of the CCR as any cenvat credit of input service is admissible to extent the said service has been actually used/supplied to the factory premises. In the instant case, input services involved in the electricity so sold were not used/supplied to the factory premises. The findings of the lower adjudicating authority categorically mentioned that at the time of personal hearing, the appellant had admitted that they sold part of the electricity and this fact at no point of time disclosed by the appellant but came on record when specifically asked at the time of personal hearing held during adjudicating proceeding. I further find that the appellant had availed cenvat credit of Rs. 44,033/- on 31.03.2012 without having valid document as per Rule 9 of the CCR, which specify that the cenvat credit shall be taken by the manufacturer or the provider of output service or input service distributor, as the case may be, on the basis of an invoice, a bill or challan issued by a provider of input service and this fact came into knowledge at the time of audit. In view of above, I find that the appellant has wrongly availed and utilized cenvat credit and hence the appellant is required to pay appropriate interest under Rule 14 of the CCR read with Section 11AA of the Central Excise Act, 1944 and penalty under Rule 15 of the CCR read with Section 11AC of the Central Excise Act, 1944 in respect of disallowance of cenvat credit as discussed above.
- In light of the above discussion and findings, I hold that the appellant is eligible to take cenvat credit of service tax on installation of Wind mill even if situated at a distant place from the factory premises. However, it can be allowed only to the extent actually used/utilized in the manufacture of the final products. Hence, denial of cenvat credit of Rs. 81,616/- and Rs. 44,033/- on account of sale of electricity and non-availability of valid document respectively, is justified and upheld. I would the taxes.



- ९. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।
- 9. The appeal filed by the appellant stand disposed off in above terms.

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