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

BHV-EXCUS-000-APP-028-2023

आदेश का दिनांक /

Date of Order:

30.01.2023

जारी करने की तारीख /

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श्री शिव प्रताप सिंह, आयुक्त (अपील), राजकोट द्वारा पारित /

Passed by Shri Shiv Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Appeals), Rajkot.

ग अपर आयुक्त/ संयुक्त आयुक्त/ उपायुक्त/ सहायक आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क/ सेवा कर वस्तु एवं सेवा कर, राजकोट / जामनगर / गांधीधाम। द्वारा उपरलिखित जारी मूल आदेश से सृजित: /

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

घ अपीलकर्ता/प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता / Name & Address of the Appellant & Respondent :-

M/s. Ratilal Dudabhai Bagada,, 169, Bharvad Sherry, Nava Agria, Rajula, Amreli, Gujrat

इस आदेश (अपील) से व्यक्ति कोई व्यक्ति निम्नलिखित तरीके में उपयुक्त प्राधिकारी / प्राधिकरण 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.

(A) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35B के अंतर्गत एवं वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 के अंतर्गत निम्नलिखित 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:-

(i) वर्गीकरण मूल्यांकन से सम्बन्धित सभी मामले सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की विशेष पीठ, वेस्ट ब्लॉक नं 2, आर० के० 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 matters relating to classification and valuation.

(ii) उपरोक्त परिच्छेद 1(a) में बताए गए अपीलों के अलावा शेष सभी अपीलों सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टे) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, द्वितीय तल, बहुमाली भवन असावा अहमदाबाद- 380016 को की जानी चाहिए /

To the West regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at, 2nd 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 अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए गये प्रपत्र EA-3 को चार प्रतियों में दर्ज किया जाना चाहिए। इनमें से कम से कम एक प्रति के साथ, जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की माँग, ब्याज की माँग और लगाया गया जुर्माना, रुपये 5 लाख या उससे कम, 5 लाख रुपये या 50 लाख रुपये तक अथवा 50 लाख रुपये से अधिक है तो क्रमशः 1,000/- रुपये, 5,000/- रुपये अथवा 10,000/- रुपये का निर्धारित जमा शुल्क की प्रति संलग्न करें। निर्धारित शुल्क का भुगतान, संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा के सहायक रजिस्टार के नाम से किसी भी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक द्वारा जारी रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट द्वारा किया जाना चाहिए। संबंधित ड्राफ्ट का भुगतान, बैंक की उस शाखा में होना चाहिए जहाँ संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा स्थित है। स्वयं आदेश (स्टे ऑर्डर) के लिए आवेदन-पत्र के साथ 500/- रुपये 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 सेवा कर नियमवाली, 1994 के नियम 9(1) के तहत निर्धारित प्रपत्र S.T.-5 में चार प्रतियों में की जा सकती है एवं उसके साथ जिस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील की गयी हो, उसकी प्रति साथ में संलग्न करें (उनमें से एक प्रति प्रमाणित होनी चाहिए) और इनमें से कम से कम एक प्रति के साथ, जहाँ सेवा कर की माँग, ब्याज की माँग और लगाया गया जुर्माना, रुपये 5 लाख या उससे कम, 5 लाख रुपये या 50 लाख रुपये तक अथवा 50 लाख रुपये से अधिक है तो क्रमशः 1,000/- रुपये, 5,000/- रुपये अथवा 10,000/- रुपये का निर्धारित जमा शुल्क की प्रति संलग्न करें। निर्धारित शुल्क का भुगतान, संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा के सहायक रजिस्टार के नाम से किसी भी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक द्वारा जारी रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट द्वारा किया जाना चाहिए। संबंधित ड्राफ्ट का भुगतान, बैंक की उस शाखा में होना चाहिए जहाँ संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा स्थित है। स्वयं आदेश (स्टे ऑर्डर) के लिए आवेदन-पत्र के साथ 500/- रुपये का निर्धारित शुल्क जमा करना होगा /

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 is upto 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 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. / Application made for grant of stay shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.500/-.



- (i) वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 86 की उप-धाराओं (2) एवं (2A) के अंतर्गत दर्ज 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 संलग्न करें (उनमें से एक प्रति प्रमाणित होनी चाहिए) और आयुक्त द्वारा सहायक आयुक्त अथवा उपायुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क/ सेवाकर, को अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को आवेदन दर्ज करने का निर्देश देने वाले आदेश की प्रति भी साथ में संलग्न 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 Tax Rules, 1994 and shall be accompanied by a copy of order of Commissioner Central Excise or 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.
- (ii) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय प्राधिकरण (सेस्टेट) के प्रति अपील के मामले में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम 1944 की धारा 35एफ के अंतर्गत, जो की वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 83 के अंतर्गत सेवाकर को भी लागू की गई है, इस आदेश के प्रति अपीलीय प्राधिकरण में अपील करते समय उत्पाद शुल्क/सेवा कर मांग के 10 प्रतिशत (10%), जब मांग एवं जुर्माना विवादित है, या जुर्माना, जब केवल जुर्माना विवादित है, का भुगतान किया जाए, बशर्ते कि इस धारा के अंतर्गत जमा कि जाने वाली अपेक्षित देय राशि दस करोड़ रुपये से अधिक न हो।
केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर के अंतर्गत "मांग किए गए शुल्क" में निम्न शामिल है
(i) धारा 11 डी के अंतर्गत रकम
(ii) सेनवेट जमा की ली गई गलत राशि
(iii) सेनवेट जमा नियमावली के नियम 6 के अंतर्गत देय रकम
- बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान वित्तीय (सं० 2) अधिनियम 2014 के आरंभ से पूर्व किसी अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधीन स्थगन अर्ज़ी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होगा।
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 :
(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.
- (C) **भारत सरकार को पुनरीक्षण आवेदन :**
Revision application to Government of India:
इस आदेश का पुनरीक्षणयाचिका निम्नलिखित मामलों में, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 35EE के प्रथमपरंतुक के अंतर्गत अवर सचिव, भारत सरकार, पुनरीक्षण आवेदन ईकाई, वित्त मंत्रालय, राजस्व विभाग, चौथी मंजिल, जीवन दीप भवन, संसद मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110001, को किया जाना चाहिए। /
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:
(i) यदि माल के किसी नुकसान के मामले में, जहां नुकसान किसी माल को किसी कारखाने से भंडार गृह के पारगमन के दौरान या किसी अन्य कारखाने या फिर किसी एक भंडार गृह से दूसरे भंडार गृह पारगमन के दौरान, या किसी भंडार गृह में या भंडारण में माल के प्रसंस्करण के दौरान, किसी कारखाने या किसी भंडार 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
(ii) भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या क्षेत्र को निर्यात कर रहे माल के विनिर्माण में प्रयुक्त कच्चे माल पर भरी गई केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क के छूट (रिबेट) के मामले में, जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या क्षेत्र को निर्यात की गयी 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.
(iii) 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.
(iv) सुनिश्चित उत्पाद के उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो ड्यूटी क्रेडिट इस अधिनियम एवं इसके विभिन्न प्रावधानों के तहत मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो आयुक्त (अपील) के द्वारा वित्त अधिनियम (नं० 2), 1998 की धारा 109 के द्वारा नियत की गई तारीख अथवा समायाचिधि पर या बाद में पारित किए गए हैं। /
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.
(v) उपरोक्त आवेदन की दो प्रतियां प्रपत्र संख्या EA-8 में, जो की केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001, के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट है, इस आदेश के संग्रहण के 3 माह के अंतर्गत की जानी चाहिए। उपरोक्त आवेदन के साथ मूल आदेश व अपील आदेश की दो प्रतियां संलग्न की जानी चाहिए। साथ ही केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35-EE के तहत निर्धारित शुल्क की अदायगी के साक्ष्य के तौर पर TR-6 की प्रति संलग्न की जानी 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 IO 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.
(vi) पुनरीक्षण आवेदन के साथ निम्नलिखित निर्धारित शुल्क की अदायगी की जानी चाहिए। /
जहां संलग्न रकम एक लाख रूपये या उससे कम हो 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.
(D) यदि इस आदेश में कई मूल आदेशों का समावेश है तो प्रत्येक मूल आदेश के लिए शुल्क का भुगतान, उपर्युक्त दूग से किया जाना चाहिए। इस तथ्य के हिसाब से हर भी को लिखा पदों कायों से बचने के लिए यथास्थिति अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को एक अपील या केन्द्रीय 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, notwithstanding the fact that the one appeal to the Appellate Tribunal or the one application to the Central Govt. As the case may be, is filed to avoid scriptoria work if excising Rs. 1 lakh fee of Rs. 100/- for each.
(E) यथासंशोधित न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम, 1975, के अनुसूची-1 के अनुसार मूल आदेश एवं स्थगन आदेश की प्रति पर निर्धारित 6.50 रुपये 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 adjudicating authority shall bear a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 as prescribed under Schedule-I in terms of the Court Fee Act, 1975, as amended.
(F) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्य विधि) नियमावली, 1982 में वर्णित एवं अन्य संबंधित मामलों को सम्मिलित करने वाले नियमों को और भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है। /
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.
(G) उच्च अपीलीय प्राधिकारी को अपील दृष्टि करने से संबंधित व्यापक, विस्तृत और नवीनतम प्रावधानों के लिए, अपीलार्थी विभागीय वेबसाइट www.cbec.gov.in को देख सकते हैं। /
For the elaborate, detailed and latest provisions relating to filing of appeal to the higher appellate authority, the appellant may refer to the Departmental website www.cbec.gov.in.

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:: ORDER-IN-APPEAL ::

M/s. Ratilal Dudabhai Bagada, 169, Bharvad Sheri, Nava Agaria, Taluka- Rajula, District- Amreli, Gujarat (hereinafter referred to as "Appellant") has filed present Appeal against Order-in-Original (OIO) No. 239/AC/NIS/BVR-3/21-22 dated 25.03.2022 (hereinafter referred to as 'impugned order') passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central GST, Division-3, Bhavnagar (hereinafter referred to as 'adjudicating authority').

2. The facts of the case, in brief, are that the Income Tax Department provided data/ details of various Income Tax payers, who in their Income Tax Returns for financial year 2014-15 & 2016-17 declared to have earned income by providing services classified under various service sectors. The Income Tax Department also provided data of Form 26AS showing details of total amount paid/ credited under Section 194C, 194H, 194I & 194J of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in respect of various persons which depicted that such persons had earned income from providing services like contract, commission or brokerage, renting of movable/ immovable property, Technical or Professional service etc. The said data also contained the details of the Appellant who had not obtained Service Tax Registration under the Finance Act, 1994 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'). The jurisdictional Superintendent, vide letter dated 30.07.2020 to the Appellant called for the information/ documents viz. Copies of I.T. Returns, Form 26AS, Balance Sheet (incl. P & L account), VAT/Sales Tax returns, Annual Bank Statement, Contracts/ Agreements entered with the persons to whom services provided etc. No reply/ response was received from the Appellant and the Service Tax was determined on the basis of data/ details provided by the Income Tax department and culminated into Show Cause Notice dated 27.08.2020 invoking extended period of 5 years proposing to demand Service Tax of Rs. 2,38,375/-, including all cesses under Section 73(1) of the Finance Act, 1994 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') with interest under Section 75 of the Act, and proposing to impose penalty under Section 77(1)(a), 77(2), 77 (1)(c) and Section 78 of the Act.

3. The adjudicating authority vide the impugned order confirmed Service Tax demand of Rs. 2,38,375/- under Section 73(1) invoking extended period of 5 years along with interest under Section 75 of the Act.

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The adjudicating authority-imposed penalties of Rs. 10,000/- each under Section 77(1)(a), Section 77(2) and Section 77(1)(c) of the Act. The penalty of Rs. 2,38,375/- was also imposed upon the Appellant under Section 78 of the Act.

4. The Appellant has preferred the present appeal on 24.06.2022 alongwith application for condonation of delay on various grounds mainly as stated below:

The adjudicating authority has erred in confirming demand of Rs. 2,38,375/- under Section 73(1) of the Act, erred in valuation of taxable Services, erred in not allowing the benefit of Notification No. 25/2012 dated 20.06.2012, erred in demand of interest u/s 75 of the Act, erred in demanding penalty u/s 77(1)(a), 77(2), 77(1)(c) and 78 of the Act, erred in invoking extended period.

5. Personal hearing in the matter was held on 25.01.2023 which was attended by Shri Sahil Tejani, A.C.A and Shri Ratilal. D Bagda, appellant, wherein they reiterated the submissions made in the appeal. They submitted additional submission and claimed that the service is in the capacity of pure agent and in the field of agriculture fall under the negative list and set aside the impugned order. In additional submission dated 24.01.2023, appellant has submitted that he is a farmer and apart from farming activities he was working as laborers with the Government company namely Gujarat State land Development Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as GSLDC) during the subject period. GSLDC involved in activities such as construction of check dams, canals, soil conservation etc. through work order in the name of field supervisor of the company, then field officer makes arrangement of laborer, material and machinery required from local village. Appellant during the subject period was part of such laborer arranged by the field officer. The field officer maintains the attendance register as per particular work order issued by the GSLDC and for the purpose of payment of wages to laborers, select any one person among them as "Gang Leader" and the PAN & Bank account of the said person is used for sanctioning and obtaining payment of wages on behalf of all the laborers. On receipt of wages in the bank account of the field officer makes the payment to individual laborers by making cash withdrawal from the bank account of gang leader and issues the final bill and certifies the payment to all the individual laborers, appellant was selected as Gang Leader, as he was having PAN card number and bank account among laborers. The amount received as wages on



behalf of all the laborers as per register maintained by the field officer of GSLDC and was paid to individual laborers during the subject period.

6. I have carefully examined the show cause notice, impugned order, appeal memorandum and written submission of the Appellant. The issue to be decided in the present appeal is whether amount reflected in 26AS of the appellant is taxable or otherwise. I find that the Appellant has filed appeal with condonation of delay requesting to set aside the impugned Order-In-Original, confirming the demand of Service Tax amounting to Rs. 2,38,375/- with Interest and various penalties under the Act.

7. As the Appellant has filed appeal with condonation of delay, I would first like to examine first whether the delay, if any, is condonable and whether the appeal can be admitted. I find that as per ST-4 filed by the appellant, date of communication of the decision or order appeal against is shown as 25.03.2022. Appeal is filed by the appellant on 24.06.2022. As per provision of relevant rules, appeal should have been filed within stipulated time limit i.e. two months from the date of communication on 24.05.2022. Appellate authority has the discretion to condone the delay by 30 days after the expiry of the initial period for filing appeal. Looking to the ground advanced by the Appellant, I condone the delay.

8. Now I proceed to examine contentions raised by the Appellant in the grounds of appeal is that whether the amount reflecting in 26AS of the appellant is towards any service provided by the appellant and whether the services provided by appellant is taxable according to the Act or otherwise.

9. The Adjudicating Authority, in his findings in impugned order dated 25.03.2022, recorded that appellant was granted three opportunities of personal hearing but appellant had neither appeared on the said dates nor had submitted any defence reply along with supporting documents. Therefore, adjudicating authority has decided the case on the basis of records available.

10. On the basis of the additional documents submitted by the appellant it is evident that name of the appellant is listed as 'Gang Leader' on the body of the final bill. A sheet of payment of laborers furnishing the calculation of amount disbursed on the basis of work done and prescribed rates per unit duly signed by the appellant as Gang Leader and other



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responsible officials of GSLDC is attached with final bill. Further an attendance register of laborers are also attached with final bill which displays the name of appellant as laborer also, the same is also duly signed by officials of GSLDC.

11. Appellant in additional submission has also provided statement of his bank account. On going through the bank statement of the appellant I observed that the amount credited in the account of appellant is debited/withdrawn on the next day or in two days.

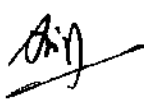
12. In view of above observations, I find that the appellant is listed as laborer among other laborers and nominated as Gang Leader. For making payment of wages to all the laborers for the designated work carried out through GSLDC bank account of the appellant as Gang Leader is used and then appellant withdraw the said amount and distributed the amount (wages) among enlisted laborers.

13. Therefore, in view of above, I find that the amount appearing on 26AS Form of the appellant is not the income of the appellant for providing any taxable service but amount appears in 26AS, considered as taxable income in impugned order dated 25.03.2022, appears in his account only due to the mechanism set up by GSLDC for facilitating payment of wages to laborers.

14. Contrary to the findings by the Adjudicating Authority, it is evident that on basis of 26AS of appellant, amount appearing in 26As is considered as income from taxable services but it is appearing due to mechanism set up between GSLDC and laborers for facilitating payment of wages. Therefore, I find that amount appearing in 26AS is not a taxable income. As such, I hold that demand of service tax on it is not sustainable.

15. I find that the Adjudicating Authority in the present case, due to absence of any defence reply, submission and supporting documents by the appellant even after giving sufficient opportunities was left with no way but to decide the issue ex-parte on the basis of available records and thus considering the amount appearing in 26AS of the appellant as taxable and finalized the demand of Service Tax of Rs. 2,38,375/- along with applicable interest and imposed penalty/ies.

16. From the submitted defence reply and supporting documents I hold that appellant has not provided any taxable services and not liable to pay



any Service Tax along with interest and penalty.

17. In view of the above discussions and findings, I set aside the impugned order, dropping the entire demand, interest and all the penalties therein and allow the appeal filed by the Appellant.

18. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।

18. The appeal filed by Appellant is disposed off as above.

सत्यापित / Attested

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Superintendent
Central GST (Appeals)
Rajkot

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No. - 1 - 2023

(शिव प्रताप सिंह)
(Shiv Pratap Singh)
आयुक्त (अपील)
Commissioner (Appeals)

By R.P.A.D.

To, M/s. Ratilal Dudabhai Bagada, 169, Bharvad Sheri, Nava Agaria, Taluka- Rajula, District- Amreli, Gujarat	सेवा में, मे० रतिलाल दुदाभाई बगडा, 169, भरवाड शेरी नवा अगरिया, तालुका - राजुला, जिल्ला - अमरेली, गुजरात ।
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प्रतिलिपि :-

- 1) मुख्य आयुक्त, वस्तु एवं सेवा कर एवं केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, गुजरात क्षेत्र, अहमदाबाद को जानकारी हेतु।
- 2) आयुक्त, वस्तु एवं सेवा कर एवं केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, भावनगर आयुक्तालय, भावनगर को आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु।
- 3) अपर/संयुक्त आयुक्त, वस्तु एवं सेवा कर एवं केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, भावनगर को आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु।
- 4) सहायक आयुक्त, वस्तु एवं सेवा कर एवं केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, भावनगर-III मण्डल को आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु।
- 5) गार्ड फ़ाइल।

