

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

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



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अधील / फाइलसंख्या/ Appeal /File No. मूलआदेशसं /

दिनांक/

GAPPL/COM/STP/1706/2022

61/LRM/AC/2021-22

Date: 24-03-2022

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

RAJ-EXCUS-000-APP-42-2023

आदेश का दिनांक /

15.02.2023

जारी करने की तारीख / Date of issue:

16.02.2023

Date of Order:

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

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

ग अपर आयुक्त/ संयुक्त आयुक्त/ उपायुक्त/ सहायक आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क/ सेवाकर/वस्तु एवंसेवाकर, 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:

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

M/s. Pitamber Devabhai Dabhi, At Post paneli, Morbi, Dist. Morbi-363642.

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 सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील,केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम ,1944 की धारा 35B के अंतर्गत एवं वित्त अधिनियम, **1994** की धारा **86** के अंतर्गत निम्नलिखि+त 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 सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की विशेष पीठ, वेस्ट ब्लॉक नं 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 matters relating to classification and valuation.

(ii) उपरोक्त परिच्छेद 1(a) में बताए गए अपीलों के अलावा शेष सभी अपीलें सीमा शुल्क,केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट)को पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका,,द्वितीय तल, बहुमाली भवन असार्वा अहमदाबाद- ३८००१६को की जानी चाहिए 1/

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

(iii) 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, जहां उत्पाद शुल्क की माँग, ब्याज की माँग और लगाया गया जुर्माना, रुपए 5 लाख राप उत्तर कराव के पए तक अथवा 50 लाख रुपए से अधिक है तो क्रमश: 1,000/- रुपये, 5,000/- रुपये अथवा 10,000/- रुपये का निर्धारित जुमा शुल्क की प्रति संलग्न करें। निर्धारित शुल्क का भुगतान, संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा के सहायक रजिस्टार के नाम से किसी भी सार्चाजनक क्षेत्र के बैंक द्वारा ज़ारी रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट द्वारा किया जाना चाहिए। संबंधित ड्राफ्ट का भुगतान, बैंक की उस शाखा में होना चाहिए जहां संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा स्थित है। स्थगन आदेश (स्टे ऑर्डर) के लिए आवेदन-पत्र के साथ 500/- रुपए का निर्धारित शुल्क जमा करना होगा।

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 stay shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 500/-.

(B) अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के समक्ष अपील, वित्त अधिनियम, 1994की धारा 86(1) के अंतर्गत सेवाकर नियमवाली, 1994, के नियम 9(1) के तहत निर्धारित प्रपन्न S.T.-5में चार प्रतियों में की जा सकेगी 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, जहां सेवाकर की माँग , ब्याज की माँग और लगाया गया जुर्माना, रुपए 5 लाख या उससे कम, 5 लाख रुपए या 50 लाख रुपए तक अथवा 50 लाख रुपए 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 रिजस्टार के नाम से किसी भी सार्वाजनक क्षेत्र के बैंक द्वारा जारी रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट हारा किया जाना चाहिए। संबंधित ड्राफ्ट का भुगतान, बैंक की उस शाखा में होना चाहिए जहां संबंधित अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की शाखा स्थित है। स्थगन आदेश (स्ट ऑर्डर) के लिए आवेदन-पत्र के साथ 500/-रुपए 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 more 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 temanded & 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/-

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वित्त अधिनियम,1994की 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 शुक्क अथवा आयुक्त (अपील), केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुक्क द्वारा पारित आदेश की प्रतियाँ संलग्न करें (उनमें से एक प्रति प्रमाणित होनी चाहिए) और आयुक्त द्वारा सहायक आयुक्त अथवा उपायुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुक्का 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.

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय प्राधिकरण (सेस्टेट) के प्रति अपीलों के मामले में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम 1944 की धारा 35एफ के अंतर्गत, जो की वित्तीय अधिनयम, 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 जाएं, बशतें कि इसं धारा के अंतर्गत जमा कि जाने वाली अपेक्षित देय राशि दस्त करोड़ रुपए 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 (ii)

- बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान वित्तीय (सं° 2) अधिनियम 2014 के आरंभ से पूर्व किसी अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधीन

- बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधानं वित्तीय (सं॰ 2) अधिनेयम 2014 के आरंभ से पूर्व किसी अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधान स्थान अर्ज़ी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होंगे।!

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.

भारत सरकार कापुनरीक्षण आवेदन :
Revision application to Government of India:
इस आदेश की पुनरीक्षणयाचिका निम्नलिखित मामलों में केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 35EE के प्रथमपरंतुक के अंतर्गतअवर 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: (C)

यदि माल के किसी नकसान के मामले में, जहां नकसान 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 या भंडारण में माल के प्रसंस्करण के दौरान, किसी कारखाने या किसी भंडार गृह में या भंडारण में माल के प्रसंस्करण के दौरान, किसी कारखाने या boss 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 (i)

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 छुट (रिबेट) के मामले में, जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या क्षेत्र को निर्यात की गयी है। I lacase 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. (ii)

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 शुक्क के भुगतान के लिए जो ड्यूटी क्रेडीट इस अधिनियम एवं इसके विभिन्न प्रावधानों के तहत मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो आयुक्त (अपील) के द्वारा वित्त अधिनियम (न॰ 2),1998 की धारा 109 के द्वारा नियत की गई तारीख अथवा समायाविधि 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. (iv)

उपरोक्त आवेदन की दो प्रतियां प्रपत्र संख्या EA-8 में, जो की केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील)नियमावली,2001, के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट है, इस आदेश के संप्रेषण 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 को 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 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. (v)

पन्रीक्षण आवेदन के साथ निम्नलिखित निर्धारित शुल्क की अदायगी की जानी चाहिए। जहाँ 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. (vi)

यदि इस आदेश में कई मूल आदेशों का समावेश हैं तो प्रत्येक मूल आदेश के लिए शुल्क का भुगतान, उपर्यंक्त ढंग से किया जाना चाहिये। इस तथ्य के हिते हुए भी की लिखा पढ़ी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथास्थित अपोलीय नयाधिकरण का एक 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, 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 lakh fee of Rs. 100/for each. (D) .

यथासंशोधित न्यायालय शुक्क अधिनियम, 1975, के अनुसूंची-I के अनुसार मूल आदेश एवं स्थगन आदेश की प्रति पर निर्धारित 6.50 रुपये का न्यायालय शुक्क 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-I in terms of the Court Fee Act, 1975, as amended. (E)

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्य विधि) नियमावली, 1982 में वर्णित एवं अन्य संबन्धित 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. (F)

उच्च अपीलीय प्राधिकारी को अपील द्वाखिल 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 (G)



अपील आदेश /ORDER-IN-APPEAL

Shri Pitambar Devabhai Dabhi, At. Post Paneli, Taluka Morbi (hereinafter referred to as appellant) has filed appeal No. GAPL/COM/STP/1706/2022 against Order-in-Original No.61/LRM/AC/2021-22 dated 24.03.2022 (hereinafter referred to as 'impugned order') passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Central GST, Division, Morbi-II (hereinafter referred to as 'adjudicating authority').

- 2. Facts of the case, in brief, are that as per data received from the Income Tax department, the appellant appeared to have received various amounts as consideration for providing taxable service during the period 2014-15. It appeared that the appellant had not obtained Service tax registration and did not pay service tax. Therefore, a show cause notice dated 24.09.2020 was issued to the appellant demanding service tax of Rs.2,71,937/- and proposing penalties under Sections 77 and 78 of the Finance Act, 1994. The adjudicating authority, by the impugned order, confirmed the demand of Rs.2,71,937/- along with interest under Section 75 of the Finance Act 1994 and imposed penalty of Rs.2,71,937/- under Section 78 of the Finance Act 1994. He also imposed penalties of Rs.10,000/- under Section 77(1)(a) and Rs.10,000/- under Section 77(2) of the Finance Act, 1994
- Being aggrieved, the appellant filed appeals wherein they, inter alia, submitted that his firm is a proprietary concerned and engaged in providing fabrication work to M/s Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Ltd (PGVCL for brevity), which is a Government Company. The appellant contended that he had provided works contract service which falls under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) and he is required to pay only 50% of the service tax as 50% was required to be paid by the recipient as per Notification No.30/2012-ST. The appellant further submitted that in terms of Rule 2A(ii) of Service Tax (Determination of Value Rules, 2006); he is eligible for abatement @60% on the remaining value of Rs.11,00,069/-. He contended that, considering the value @40% on Rs.11,00,069/-, taxable value comes to Rs.4,40,027/- which is below the threshold of Rs.10 lakhs in terms of Notification No.33/2012-ST. The appellant also contended that PGVCL is Gujarat Government and hence it is a 'Government Authority' as defined under paragraph 2(s) of the definitions provided in . Notification No.25/2012-ST and thus eligible for benefit of exemption under Sr.No.12(a) of the said notification.
- 4. Vide letter dated 11.11.2022, Shri Mavjibhai Pitamberbhai Dabhi, son at the Pitamber Devabhai Dabhi submitted a copy of death certificate issued Talati cum Mantri of Paneli Village, on the death of appellant Shri

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Pitamber Devabhai Dabhi. He submitted that Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Sabina Abraham-2015 (322) ELT.372 (SC) held that a person including his agent who is liable to pay duty of Excise and the person referred to can be the living person only with no scope for proceeding against dead person's legal heirs.

- I have carefully gone through the facts of the case, the impugned order, 5. the appeal memorandum and the submissions made by the Appellant. First of all, I would like to address the issue of continuing the appeal proceeding when the appellant is no more. I have gone through the case law cited by Shri Mavjibhai Pitamberbhai Dabhi son the appellant and find in the said appeal a show cause notice issued to the wife and four daughters of the deceased sole proprietor was challenged on the grounds that the proceedings initiated against the deceased abated on his death in the absence of any provision in the Central Excises and Salt Act to continue assessment proceedings against a dead person in the hands of the legal representatives. In the present case, it is not a proceedings against the legal representatives or legal heir, as the assessment was already completed. This is an appeal filed against the order under which the demand confirmed and I do not find any impediment in deciding the appeal filed by the appellant, though he is deceased. Therefore, I proceed to decide the appeal on its merits.
- 6. I find that the appellant had made the argument before the adjudicating authority that they had provided service related to repair and maintenance of PGVCL, which is a 'Government Authority' and accordingly the services provided by them were covered under Notification No.25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012. The adjudicating authority, in the impugned order, held that PGVCL is a body corporate incorporated under Companies Act, 2013 and the service provided by PGVCL are not covered under the works specified under Articles 243W of the Constitution of India and hence the service is not covered under Sr. No.12(a) of Notification No.25/2012-ST.
- 7.1 In this regard, I find that M/s PGVCL is a company registered under Companies Act and it is not a Government or department of Central or State Government. The consensus seems to be that when the government engages itself in trading ventures, particularly as Government companies under the company law, it does not do so as a political State or political Government, but it does so in the garb and essence as a company. Though it was wholly controlled by the Government, it had a separate entity and its income is not the income of the Government. In the case of Western Coalfields Limited v. Special Area Development Authority, the Supreme Court did not uphold the contention of the stern Coalfields Ltd and Bharat Aluminum Company Ltd (the petitioners) that

they were wholly owned by the Government of India and so the companies could not be subjected to property tax. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 26/11/1981 observed as follows:

"Even though the entire share capital of the appellant companies has been subscribed by the Government of India, it cannot be predicted that the companies themselves are owned by the Government of India. The Companies which are incorporated under the Companies Act, have a corporate personality of their own, distinct from that of the Government of India. The land and buildings are vested in and owned by the companies, the Government of India only owns the share capital."

7.2 On the rationale of the aforesaid judgment, in Hindustan Steel Works Construction Co. Ltd. Vs. State of Kerala, it was held that notwithstanding all the pervasive control of the Government, company is neither a Government department nor a Government establishment. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 22/04/1997 held as under:

"After giving our careful consideration to the facts of the case and the respective contention made by the learned counsel for the parties, it appears to us that the appellant company cannot be held to be a department of the government. There may be deep and pervasive control of the government over the appellant company and the appellant company, on such account may be an instrumentality or agency of the Central Government and as such a 'State' within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution. Even though the appellant company is an agency or instrumentality of the Central Government, it cannot be held to be a department or establishment of the government in all cases."

- 7.3 From the above, it is lucid and crystal clear that M/s PGVCL, though a company owned by Government of Gujarat, is not a department of Government of India. As such, I hold that the appellant has wrongly claimed exemption under Sr. No.12A of Notification No.25/2012-ST and hence there is no infirmity in the order of the adjudicating authority denying the exemption and confirming the demand in respect of service provided to M/s PGVCL.
- 8. In the present appeal, the appellant had made another argument that the services provided by them are 'work contract service' and as per Sr.No.9 of Notification No.30/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012, liable to pay only 50% of service tax liability. The appellant also contended that there is no service tax liability as the value of service after deducting 50% of value payable under RCM. The adjudicating authority, in the impugned order, observed that major goods for execution of contract have been provided by M/s PGVCL and no supporting document has been provided by the appellant that the goods involved in the contract was chargeable to VAT/Sales Tax. It has to fulfill the prime condition of transfer of property in goods involved in the execution of such contract is leviable to tax as sales of goods to classify in the category of 'works contract service'. The adjudicating authority has observed that the appellant failed to provide any evidence to prove that there was transfer of property which is levied with tax as sale of goods/transfer of property and hence it cannot be considered.

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denying the claim of the appellant his liability to pay service tax is 50% under RCM as per Notification No.30/2012-ST. As such the claim of abatement in terms of Rule 2A(ii) of Service Tax (Determination of Value Rules, 2006) and the value of service being remained below threshold of Rs.10 lakhs in terms of Notification No.33/2012-ST are also not sustainable. Thus, I do not find any infirmity in the impugned order.

- 9. In view of the above, I uphold the impugned order and reject the appeal.
- १०. अपीलकरता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है ।
- 10. The appeal filed by the Appellant is disposed off as above.

सत्यापित / Attested

Superintendent Central GST (Appeals) (शिव प्रताप सिंह/ SHIV PRATAP SINGH) आयुक्त (अपील)/Commissioner (Appeals)

By R.P.A.D.

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प्रतिलिपि :-

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