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(क)	फाइल संख्या / File No.:	GAPPL/ADC/GSTP/1938/2021-APPEAL/6558
(ख)	अपील आदेश संख्या और दिनांक / Order-In-Appeal No. and Date	AHM-CGST-002-APP-ADC-95/2021-22 and 02.03.2022
(ग)	पारित किया गया / Passed By	श्री मिहिर रायका, अपर आयुक्त (अपील) Shri Mihir Rayka, Additional Commissioner (Appeals)
(घ)	जारी करने की दिनांक / Date of issue	03.03.2022
(ङ)	Arising out of Order-In-Original No. ZA240819063579U dated 21.08.2019 issued by The Superintendent, CGST & CE, Range-I, Division-III (Sanand), Ahmedabad North Commissionerate	
(च)	अपीलकर्ता का नाम और पता / Name and Address of the Appellant	M/s Shri Balaji Fabricators (Govindrao Suryanarayan Sahin) (GSTIN-24CCSPS7911N3ZO) Address:- 2nd Floor, B-203, Sukriti Silver, Near Somnath Bus Stand, Sanand, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-382110

(A)	इस आदेश(अपील) से व्यथित 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.
(i)	National Bench or Regional Bench of Appellate Tribunal framed under GST Act/CGST Act in the cases where one of the issues involved relates to place of supply as per Section 109(5) of CGST Act, 2017.
(ii)	State Bench or Area Bench of Appellate Tribunal framed under GST Act/CGST Act other than as mentioned in para- (A)(i) above in terms of Section 109(7) of CGST Act, 2017
(iii)	Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed as prescribed under Rule 110 of CGST Rules, 2017 and shall be accompanied with a fee of Rs. One Thousand for every Rs. One Lakh of Tax or Input Tax Credit involved or the difference in Tax or Input Tax Credit subject to a maximum of Rs. Twenty-Five Thousand.
(B)	Appeal under Section 112(1) of CGST Act, 2017 to Appellate Tribunal shall be filed along with relevant documents either electronically or as may be notified by the Registrar, Appellate Tribunal in FORM GST APL-05, on common portal as prescribed under Rule 110 of CGST Rules, 2017, and shall be accompanied by a copy of the order appealed against within seven days of filing FORM GST APL-05 online.
(i)	Appeal to be filed before Appellate Tribunal under Section 112(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 after paying - (i) Full amount of Tax, Interest, Fine, Fee and Penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted/accepted by the appellant; and (ii) A sum equal to twenty five per cent of the remaining amount of Tax in dispute, in addition to the amount paid under Section 107(6) of CGST Act, 2017, arising from the said order, in relation to which the appeal has been filed.
(ii)	The Central Goods & Service Tax (Ninth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 03.12.2019 has provided that the appeal to tribunal can be made within three months 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.
(C)	उच्च अपीलीय प्राधिकारी को अपील दाखिल करने से संबंधित व्यापक, विस्तृत और नवीनतम प्रावधानों के लिए, अपीलार्थी विभागीय वेबसाइट www.cbic.gov.in को देख सकते हैं। For elaborate, detailed and latest provisions relating to filing of appeal to the appellate authority, the appellant may refer to the website www.cbic.gov.in .



ORDER IN APPEAL**Brief Facts of the Case :-**

This appeal has been filed under Section 107 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "*the Act*") by **M/s. Shri Balaji Fabricator (Legal Name – Govindrao Suryanarayan Sahin)**, B-203, 2nd Floor, Sukriti Silver, Nr. Somnath Bus Stand, Sanand, Ahmedabad – 382110 (hereinafter referred to as "*the appellant*") against the Order No. ZA240819063579U dated 21.08.2019 (hereinafter referred to as "*the impugned order*") passed by the Superintendent, Central Goods and Services Tax Range - I, Division-III – Sanand, Ahmedabad North (hereinafter referred to as "*the adjudicating authority/Proper Officer*").

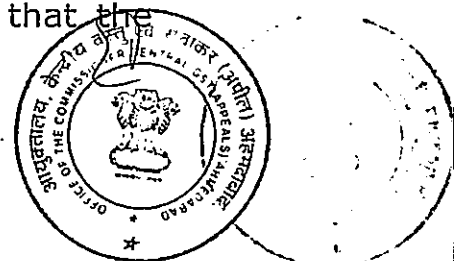
2. Brief facts of the case are that the "*Proper Officer*" has cancelled the GST Registration - GSTIN : 24CCSPS7911N3ZO of M/s. Shri Balaji Fabricator (Legal Name – Govindrao Suryanarayan Sahin), B-203, 2nd Floor, Sukriti Silver, Nr. Somnath Bus Stand, Sanand, Ahmedabad – 382110 due to reason that "*appellant*" has not filed GST Returns for a continuous period of more than six months and also not replied to the SCN issued in this regard. As per '*impugned order*' dated 21.08.2019 the '*Proper Officer*' has cancelled the GST registration with effect from 21.08.2019.

3. Being aggrieved with the '*impugned order*' dated 21.08.2019, the "*appellant*" has filed the present appeal on 09.08.2021, i.e. after the delay of normal period prescribed under Section 107(1) of CGST Act, 2017. Accordingly, for the delay in filing of appeal, the "*appellant*" has submitted that –

- Their business was very low due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic they were mentally and financially disturbed.

Considering above facts, the "*appellant*" has requested to condone the delay.

The "*appellant*" has further stated in the appeal memo that the *adjudicating authority* has passed the *impugned order* issuing only single SCN and without consulting to them or without reply of *appellant*. The *appellant* has further submitted that the



adjudicating authority without seeking the reply of *appellant* and only after issuance of single SCN has cancelled the GST Registration. Therefore, it is not according to law. Due to lockdown in COVID-19 pandemic situation they are not able to pay the full amount of Tax/Fine/Penalty. However, looking to the relaxation provided by the government they have paid the Tax and Penalty and filed the pending GST Returns.

Considering the above facts, the "*appellant*" has accordingly requested to allow the appeal for revocation of their cancelled GST Registration.

Personal Hearing :-

4. Personal Hearing in the matter was through virtual mode held on 17.02.2022. Shri Govind Suryanarayan Rao, Proprietor appeared on behalf of the '*appellant*' to defend the case. During P.H. he has reiterated the written submission made till date and informed that nothing more to add into it.

Discussion and Findings :-

5. I have gone through the facts of the case, written submissions made by the '*appellant*'. I find that the main issue to be decided in the instant case is (i) whether the appeal has been filed within the prescribed time- limit and (ii) whether the appeal filed against the order of cancellation of registration can be considered for revocation/restoration of cancelled registration by the proper officer.

6. First of all, I would like to take up the issue of filing the appeal and before deciding the issue of filing the appeal on merits, it is imperative that the statutory provisions be gone through, which are reproduced, below:

SECTION 107. Appeals to Appellate Authority. — (1) Any person aggrieved by any decision or order passed under this Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act by an adjudicating authority may appeal to such Appellate Authority as may be prescribed within three months from the date on which the said decision or order is communicated to such person.

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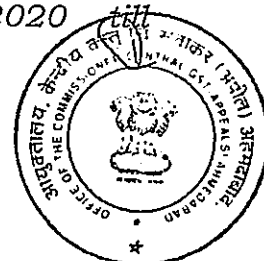


(4) *The Appellate Authority may, if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the aforesaid period of three months or six months, as the case may be, allow it to be presented within a **further period of one month.***

7(i). Accordingly, it is observed that the 'Appellant' was required to file appeal within 3 months from the receipt of the said order i.e. on or before 20.11.2019, as stipulated under Section 107(1) of the Act. However, the 'Appellant' has filed the present appeal on 09.08.2021, i.e. after a period of more than one and half year from the due date. Further, I also find that in terms of the provisions of Section 107(4) *ibid*, the appellate authority has powers to condone delay of one month in filing of appeal, over and above the prescribed period of three months as mentioned above, if sufficient cause is shown. Further, looking to the 'COD' application of 'Appellant' the present appeal if condoned for one month as per Section 107(4) *ibid*, the last date for filing of appeal comes to 20.12.2019. Accordingly, I find that there is a delay of more than one and half year in filing the appeal over and above the period of 4 months also. Thus, appeal filed beyond the time limit prescribed under Section 107(1) & (4) *ibid* cannot be entertained.

7(ii). Further, I also find that in terms of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated 23.09.2021 in matter of Miscellaneous Application No. 665 of 2021, in SMW(C) No. 3 of 2020, wherein the Apex Court taking suo-moto cognizance of the situation arising due to COVID-19 pandemic has extended the period of limitation prescribed under the law with effect from 15.03.2020. The relevant para No. 8 (I) & (II) of said order is reproduced as under :

- 8.** *Therefore, we dispose of the M.A. No. 665 of 2021 with the following directions:-*
- I.** *In computing the period of limitation for any suit, appeal, application or proceeding, the period from 15.03.2020 till 02.10.2021 shall stand excluded. Consequently, the balance period of limitation remaining as on 15.03.2021, if any, shall become available with effect from 03.10.2021.*
- II.** *In cases where the limitation would have expired during the period between 15.03.2020*



02.10.2021, notwithstanding the actual balance period of limitation remaining, all persons shall have a limitation period of 90 days from 03.10.2021. In the event the actual balance period of limitation remaining, with effect from 03.10.2021, is greater than 90 days, that longer period shall apply.

7(iii). However, I find in the present case that the period of limitation of total 4 months (including condonable period of 1 month) for filing of appeal from the date of issuance of *impugned order*, as prescribed under Section 107 of the CGST Act, 2017 was already completed on 20.12.2019 and hence, the present case would not be eligible for the relaxation/extension granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in respect of period(s) of limitation as mentioned above. Accordingly, I find that the further proceedings in case of present appeal can be taken up for consideration strictly as per the provisions contained in the CGST Act, 2017.

8. I find that this appellate authority is a creature of the statute and has to act as per the provisions contained in the CGST Act. This appellate authority, therefore, cannot condone delay beyond the period permissible under the CGST Act. When the legislature has intended the appellate authority to entertain the appeal by condoning further delay of only one month, this appellate authority cannot go beyond the power vested by the legislature. My views are supported by the following case laws:

(i) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Singh Enterprises** reported as 2008 (221) E.L.T.163 (S.C.) has held as under:

"8. ...The proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 35 makes the position crystal clear that the appellate authority has no power to allow the appeal to be presented beyond the period of 30 days. The language used makes the position clear that the legislature intended the appellate authority to entertain the appeal by condoning delay only upto 30 days after the expiry of 60 days which is the normal period for preferring appeal. Therefore, there is complete exclusion of Section 5 of the Limitation Act. The Commissioner and the High Court were therefore justified in holding that there was no power to condone the delay after the expiry of 30 days period."



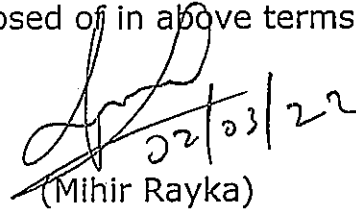
- (ii) In the case of Makjai Laboratories Pvt Ltd reported as 2011 (274) E.L.T. 48 (Bom.), the Hon'ble Bombay High Court held that the Commissioner (Appeals) cannot condone delay beyond further period of 30 days from initial period of 60 days and that provisions of Limitation Act, 1963 is not applicable in such cases as Commissioner (Appeals) is not a Court.
- (iii) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the case of Delta Impex reported as 2004 (173) E.L.T. 449 (Del) held that the Appellate authority has no jurisdiction to extend limitation even in a "suitable" case for a further period of more than thirty days.

9. I find that the provisions of Section 107 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 are *pari materia* with the provisions of Section 85 of the Finance Act, 1994 and Section 35 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 and hence, the above judgements would be squarely applicable to the present appeal also.

10. By respectfully following the above judgements, I hold that this appellate authority cannot condone delay beyond further period of one month as prescribed under proviso to Section 107(4) of the Act. Thus, the appeal filed by the *appellant* is required to be dismissed on the grounds of limitation as not filed within the prescribed time limit in terms of the provisions of Section 107 of the CGST Act, 2017. I, accordingly, dismiss the present appeal.

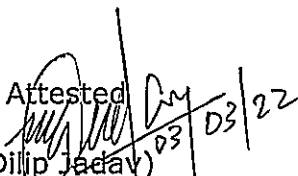
11. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।

The appeal filed by the appellant is disposed of in above terms.


(Mihir Rayka)

Additional Commissioner (Appeals)

Date: 02.03.2022

Attested

(Dilip Jadhav)
Superintendent
Central Tax (Appeals)
Ahmedabad



By R.P.A.D.

To,

M/s. Shri Balaji Fabricator

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