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ORDER NO. /2020-CX (WZ) /ASRA/MUMBAI DATED 09.06 2020 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PASSED BY SMT.SEEMA ARORA, PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER & EX-OFFICIO ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, UNDER SECTION 35EE OF THE CENTRAL EXCISE ACT, 1944.

Applicant :

Commissioner of Central Excise, Raigad

Respondent:

M/s Vinergy International Pvt. Ltd.

Shivsagar Estate, A Block,

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, South Wing, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400 018

Subject: Revision Applications filed under Section 35EE of the Central Excise Act, 1944 against OIA No. US/57 & 58/RGD/2012 dated 20.01.2012 passed by the Commissioner(Appeals-II), Central Excise, Mumbai.



## ORDER

These revision applications have been filed by the Commissioner of Central Excise, Raigad(hereinafter referred to as "the applicant") against OIA No. US/57 & 58/RGD/2012 dated 20.01.2012 passed by the Commissioner(Appeals-II), Central Excise, Mumbai in respect of M/s Vinergy International Pvt. Ltd., Shivsagar Estate, A Block, 1st Floor, South Wing, Dr. Annie Besant road, Worli, Mumbai 400 018(hereinafter referred to as "the respondent").

- 2.1 The respondents were merchant exporters. It was stated by them that they had purchased furnace oil from M/s BPCL, Sewree Terminal and had transported the same through tanker to foreign going vessels via Mallet Bunder, Mumbai Docks. It was submitted that the duty on the said furnace oil had been paid by M/s BPCL, Mahul, Mumbai who were the manufacturers of the furnace oil. Since the supply of excisable goods on payment of duty to foreign going vessels is treated as export under claim of rebate, the respondents filed rebate claim. However, the Deputy Commissioner(Rebate) had vide OIO No. 1530/10-88 OIO 11/DC(Rebate)/Raigad dated 31.12.2010 No. 1531/10-11/DC(Rebate)/Raigad dated 31.12.2010 rejected the rebate claims on various grounds.
- 2.2 Being aggrieved by the rejection of their rebate claims, the respondent had filed appeals before the Commissioner(Appeals). On going through the records, the Commissioner (Appeals) found that the Joint Secretary, Government of India had vide Order No. 612-666/11-CX dated 31.05.2011 decided a similar matter in favour of the respondents and therefore the respondents had relied on the same in the appeals before him. He further observed that the Department had filed Writ Petition(Lodging) No. WPL/2451 before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court on 11.11.2011 against the order dated 31.05.2011 passed by the Joint Secretary, Government of India which was pending decision. Commissioner(Appeals) averred that to avoid multiplicity of proceedings and to not complicate the issue, it would be better that the matter be kept pending till the Writ Petition filed by the Department in the Hon'ble High Court is decided.

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The Commissioner(Appeals) vide his OIA No. US/57 & 58/RGD/2012 dated 20.01.2012 ordered that the said appeals be transferred to the call book.

- 3. The Department found that the OIA No. US/57 & 58/RGD/2012 dated 20.01.2012 was not proper, legal and correct and filed revision applications on the following grounds.
  - (a) The Department was not the aggrieved party in the appeals filed before the Commissioner(Appeals). The appeals had been filed by the respondent who had filed the rebate claims. However, the Commissioner(Appeals) had without finally disposing off the appeals, the Commissioner(Appeals) passed an appealable OIA No. US/57 & 58/RGD/2012 dated 20.01.2012 to send the cases to the Call Book and has become "functus officio" with reference to the issue.
  - (b) The impugned order appears to be an administrative order applicable to his own office. However, by passing an appealable order, the Commissioner(Appeals) has erred in not deciding the matters finally.
  - (c) Reliance was placed upon the decision of the Hon'ble CESTAT, Mumbai in Appeal No. C/697 to 700/11 filed by M/s Parth Industries vs. CC, Goa[2012-TIOL-230-CESTAT-MUM].
- 4. Personal hearings were granted in the matter on 27.11.2017, 22.05.2018, 10/11.12.2018 & 20.08.2019. Both the applicant Department as well the respondent failed to avail of the opportunity of being heard.
- 5. Government, has carefully gone through the relevant case records and perused the impugned orders-in-original and orders-in-appeal. The issue involved is that the respondent had filed rebate claims which had been rejected by the rebate sanctioning authority. Aggrieved, the respondent had filed appeals before the Commissioner (Appeals). The Commissioner (Appeals) had transferred the appeals to the Call Book on the ground that the Department had filed Writ Petition against an Order



dated 31.05.2011 passed by the Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the same respondents case, on the same issue.

- 6. However, subsequently as per the directions of the Chief Commissioner, the cases were taken out of the Call Book for decision on merits and were eventually decided vide OIA No. 454 & 455/RGD/2012 dated 13.07.2012. The grounds raised by the Department while filing revision applications no longer exist. As such, the revision applications filed by the Department are infructuous in view of the disposal of the appeals filed by the respondent vide OIA No. 454 & 455/RGD/2012 dated 13.07.2012.
- 7. The revision applications filed by the Department are dismissed as infructuous.
- 8. So ordered.

(SEEMA ARORA')

Principal Commissioner & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to Government of India

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B. LOKANATHA REDDY Deputy Commissioner (R.A.)

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