

**CUSTOMS, EXCISE & SERVICE TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL  
SOUTH ZONAL BENCH  
BANGALORE**

Appeal(s) Involved:

**ST/20227/2017-SM, ST/20296/2017-SM, ST/20297/2017-SM,  
ST/20298/2017-SM, ST/20299/2017-SM, ST/20300/2017-SM,  
ST/20301/2017-SM, ST/20302/2017-SM, ST/20303/2017-SM,  
ST/20304/2017-SM, ST/20305/2017-SM, ST/20306/2017-SM**

**Continental Automotive  
Components (India) Pvt. Ltd.**

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Karnataka

**Appellant(s)**

**Versus**

**C.C.,C.E.& S.T -Bangalore Service  
Tax-II**

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**Respondent(s)**

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For the Respondent

Date of Hearing: 02/03/2018

Date of Decision: 08/03/2018

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE SHRI S.S GARG, JUDICIAL MEMBER**

**Final Order Nos. 20374 – 20385 / 2018**

**Per: S.S GARG**

These twelve appeals have been filed by the appellant against the common impugned order dated 26.10.2016 passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) whereby the Commissioner (Appeals) has rejected the refund claim on account of limitation as laid down in Section 11B of the Central Excise Act and as made applicable to the provisions of Finance Act 1994. Since the issue involved in all the twelve appeals is identical and there is a common impugned order, therefore all the twelve appeals are being disposed of by this common order.

2. Briefly the facts of the present case are that the appellants have obtained registration under "Information Technology Software Service" and exporting the service. The appellants have taken cenvat credit on input services and have submitted applications for refund of unutilized cenvat credit accumulated on account of export of service. The adjudicating authority rejected the applications for refund on the ground that the application for refund of cenvat credit was submitted after expiry of one year from the relevant date under Section 11B of the Central Excise Act 1944. The adjudicating authority has adopted the relevant date as the date on which service was exported and no export invoice pertaining to the claim period has been submitted. The adjudication order was challenged before the Commissioner (Appeals) and the Commissioner (Appeals) has passed the common impugned order dated 26.10.2016 rejecting the appeals against the adjudication order on the common ground of filing applications beyond the

period of one year from the date of expiry of period in terms of Section 11B of the Central Excise Act 1944. The details of the Order-in-Original, the amounts claimed in refund and the period of dispute are summarized below:

| Sl. No. | Order-in-Original No./Date          | Amount    | Period of Dispute     | Date of submission of claim |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1       | OIO No. 124/2015 (R) dt. 31.12.2015 | 2,37,933  | Oct 2009 to Dec 2009  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 2       | OIO No. 125/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 3,32,503  | Jan 2010 to Mar 2010  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 3       | OIO No. 126/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 6,66,891  | Apr 2010 to Jun 2010  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 4       | OIO No. 127/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 14,30,084 | Jul 2010 to Sept 2010 | 03.01.2014                  |
| 5       | OIO No. 128/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 14,87,428 | Oct 2010 to Dec 2010  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 6       | OIO No. 129/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 14,90,397 | Jan 2011 to Mar 2011  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 7       | OIO No. 130/2015 (R) dt. 31.12.2015 | 31,57,030 | Apr 2011 to Jun 2011  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 8       | OIO No. 131/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 32,78,015 | Jul 2011 to Sept 2011 | 03.01.2014                  |
| 9       | OIO No. 132/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 38,49,589 | Oct 2011 to Dec 2011  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 10      | OIO No. 133/2015 (R) dt 31.12.2015  | 28,26,999 | Jan 2012 to Mar 2012  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 11      | OIO No. 04/2016 (R) dt 05.01.2016   | 41,17,200 | Apr 2012 to Jun 2012  | 03.01.2014                  |
| 12      | OIO No. 05/2016 (R) dt 05.01.2016   | 48,47,855 | Jul 2012 to Sept 2012 | 01.10.2013                  |

The Commissioner (Appeals) has held in para 8 that Notification No. 27/2012 CE dated 18.06.2012 lays down that the refund claim have to be

filed before the expiry of period specified in Section 11B of the Central Excise Act 1944. Therefore, the claims have to be filed in respect of export of services made during a particular month/quarter and that such claims are subject to provisions of Section 11B of the Central Excise Act 1944. The Commissioner (Appeals) has concluded that the refund claims have to be filed before the expiry of one year from the date of export. Aggrieved by the said order of the Commissioner (A), the appellant has filed these appeals.

3. Heard both the parties and perused the records.

4. Learned counsel for the appellant submitted that the impugned orders are not sustainable in law as the same has been passed without properly considering the provisions of law as laid down in Section 11B as well as various decisions relied upon by the appellant. He further submitted that Rule 5 of the Cenvat Credit Rules 2004 has not prescribed the period of limitation for submission of the claim for refund of unutilized cenvat credit. He also submitted that Notification No. 5/2006 CE dated 14.03.2006 and 27/2012 CE dated 18.06.2012 have stipulated that the applications for refund have to be filed with the DCCE/ACCE before the expiry of period specified in Section 11B of the Central Excise Act 1944. He further submitted that the impugned order is not correct on the following grounds:

(a) Rule 5 of the CCR, 2004 has not prescribed the period of limitation for submission of the claim for refund of unutilized cenvat credit.

(b) Notifications 5/2006 CE (NT) dated 14.03.2006 and 27/2012 CE (NT) dated 18.06.2012 have stipulated that the applications for refund

have to be filed with the DCCE/ACCE before the expiry of the period specified in Section 11B of the CEA, 1944.

(c) Section 11B of the Central Excise Act 1944 prescribes the period of limitation of one year from the relevant date and defines "relevant date" for computation of one year for refund of the "duty of excise" and "interest" on such duty, but has not defined "relevant date" for computation of one year for submission of the refund claim in respect of refund of unutilized "cenvat credit" which is not a duty of excise paid on the goods cleared or service tax paid on any output service.

(d) Notifications 5/2006 CE (NT) dated 14.03.2006 and 27/2012 CE (NT) dated 18.06.2012 issued under Rule 5 of the Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004 have also not prescribed and/or defined "relevant date" for computation of one year for submission of the claim for refund of credit.

(e) Notification No. 14/2016 CE (NT) dated 1.3.2016 has amended Notification No. 27/2012 CE (NT) as under:

"(b) The application in the Form A along with the documents specified therein and enclosures relating to the quarter for which refund is being claimed shall be filed as under:

- (i) in case of manufacturer, before the expiry of the period specified in Section 11B of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944);
- (ii) in case of service provider, before the expiry of one year from the date of –

- (a) receipt of payment in convertible foreign exchange, where provision of service had been completed prior to receipt of such payment; or
- (b) issue of invoice, where payment for the service had been received in advance prior to the date of issue of the invoice.”

[Notification No. 14/2016-C.E (N.T), dated 1.3.2016]

(f) Perusal of the amending Notification No. 14/2016 CE (NT) as reproduced above shows that the position has remained the same in respect of manufacturer, but the relevant date for computation of one year has been specified in case of service provider.

(g) The credit is admissible on inputs and input services as soon as they are received in the factory/by the manufacturer and can be utilized without any time limit. There is no one to one correlation between the inputs/input services and final products. The credit taken in the Books/cenvat account is as good as cash and not duty paid on any goods cleared or service tax paid on any output service provided. Therefore, the refund of unutilized cenvat credit cannot legally be the same as refund of excise duty paid on the goods or service tax paid on output service.

(h) The treatment of refund of duty or service tax under Section 11B of the Central Excise Act 1944 and refund of unutilized cenvat credit on account of export of goods or services in terms of Rule 5 of the Cenvat Credit Rules, 2004 ought to be entirely different and governed by specific statutory provisions. In the absence of specific statutory provisions, the “relevant date” for computation of one year for submission of the refund

claim as stated in Notification No. 27/2012 CE (NT) cannot be supplied by any authority. Since the relevant date from which the period of one year is to be counted is not specified, the same amounts to not prescribing any limitation for submission of the refund claim.

(i) It is settled law that the cenvat credit is indefeasible and can be utilized at any time without any time limit. Therefore, the contention that the refund claim for unutilized credit is to be submitted within one year from the date of export of goods or last date of the last month of the quarter is contrary to the cenvat scheme and not based on the statutory provisions.

4.1. He further submitted that the limitation as stated in Notification No. 27/2012 dated 18.06.2012 is impossible of performance because of the absence of statutorily defined "relevant date" for computation of one year stipulated in Section 11B of the Central Excise Act, 1944. The limitation of one year and definition of "relevant date" in Section 11B of the Central Excise Act, 1944 in the context of refund of excise duty/service tax paid cannot be applied for refund of unutilized cenvat credit. In support of his submission he relied upon the following decisions:

- (a) *mPortal India Wireless Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Vs. CST, Bangalore – 2012 (27) S.T.R. 134 (Kar.)*
- (b) *CCE, Jalandhar Vs. JCT Ltd. – 2013 (296) ELT 426 (T-Del.)*
- (c) *Deepak Spinners Ltd. Vs. CCE, Indore – 2014 (302) E.L.T. 132 (T-Del.)*

- (d) *Quality BPO Service Pvt. Ltd. Vs. CST, Ahmedabad*  
 – 2015 (39) STR 230 (T-Ahm.)
- (e) *Elcomponics Sales Pvt. Ltd. Vs. CCE, Noida – 2012*  
 (279) ELT 280 (T-Del.)
- (f) *CCE, Bangalore Vs. Centum Rakon India Pvt. Ltd.*  
*Final Order No. 22283-84/2017 dated 27.09.2017*

4.2. He further submitted that Rule 5 of Cenvat Credit Rules 2004 lays down the substantive eligibility condition for refund of unutilized cenvat credit on account of export of goods or services without payment of duty or service tax. Notification 27/2012 issued in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 5 lays down the procedure and condition. When the provisions of Section 11B has not prescribed the “relevant date” in respect of refund of unutilized cenvat credit, Rule 5 of Cenvat Credit Rules has not prescribed the time limit for submission of refund claim and Notification issued under Rule 5 of the Cenvat Credit Rules have not prescribed the relevant date, then the limitation prescribed in Section 11B is deemed to have not been prescribed. He also submitted that the amendment of Notification 27/2012 CE by Notification No. 14/2016 dated 01.03.2016 can only be prospective because it lays down limitation of time for claiming refund which cannot have retrospective operation as there cannot be retrospective filing of refund claims. Moreover the Notification have not specified that the amendment is retrospective. It is further submitted that the credit taken on the goods and the services is individual and can be utilized at any time without any time

limit. There is also no correlation between inputs/input services and the finished goods/output services.

5. On the other hand the learned AR defended the impugned order and submitted that the Commissioner (Appeals) has rightly relied upon the decision of the Madras High Court in the case of *CCE, Coimbatore Vs. GTN Engineering (I) Ltd.* reported in 2012 (281) E.L.T. 185 (Mad.) to hold that Section 11B is applicable insofar as refund of unutilized cenvat credit under Rule 5 of Cenvat Credit Rules. In support of this submission, he further relied upon the following decisions:

(a) *Hyundai Motors India Ltd. Vs. Dept. of Revenue, Ministry of Finance – 2017 (355) E.L.T. 342 (Mad.)*

(b) *Banswara Syntex Ltd. Vs. CCE, Jaipur-II – 2017 (345) E.L.T. 547 (Tri.-Del.)*

5.1. He also submitted that the Division Bench of this Tribunal in the case of *Apotex Research Pvt. Ltd. and others Vs. CC, Bangalore and others – 2014-TIOL-1836-CESTAT-BANG.* has elaborately considered the application of Section 11B for the purpose of claiming refund under Rule 5 of Cenvat Credit Rules. In this regard it is relevant to reproduce the findings of the Division Bench which is reproduced herein for the purpose of reference:

*“6.15. Issue No. 15: Relevant date for filing refund claim.*

*As regards limitation, according to Notification No. 5/2006-Ce (N.T) dated 14.03.2006, the provisions of Section 11B of Central Excise Act would be applicable for the purpose of considering whether*

claim is within the period prescribed for claiming refund. Several questions arise. The first question is whether Section 11B would be applicable at all. In view of the fact that Notification which is meant to provide for safeguards, conditions and limitation, provides such limitation, it cannot be said that Section 11B cannot be applied. It was argued that by incorporating the provisions for application of Section 11B of the Act for the purpose of limitation in the notification, the executive has exceeded the power given to them for issue of Notification. It was argued that Section 11B of the Act cannot be quoted in the notification for the purpose of limitation in the notification, the executive has exceeded the power given to them for issue of notification. It was argued that Section 11B of the Act cannot be quoted in the notification for the purpose of limitation at all. Therefore, provision relating to limitation cannot be applied. The answer is that if a provision or a clause in the notification is in excess of powers granted for issue of notification or amending a rule or for any other purpose, the remedy is under Article 226 of the Constitution or Article 32 of the Constitution and therefore, the Tribunal can only see whether notification or rule or act and whether those provisions have been followed or not and cannot go into correctness or virus of a provision of a rule or notification. Therefore, we have to apply the notification and only if there is ambiguity, we may have to resort to interpretation but not when the notification is clear. There is no dispute on meaning of words used in this clause and it would be inappropriate to take the view advanced before us that this provision should be ignored or not

*applied. Moreover, as submitted by learned AR, notifications are to be placed before the Parliament and they have to be approved. That being the position, it cannot be said that the legislature is not aware of such notification and therefore, it is also to be held that notification has also been approved by Parliament. We also take note of the fact that Hon'ble Supreme Court has taken a view that notification is part of statute and therefore we cannot say that it is beyond the power to incorporate a provision like this in the notification. Moreover, if the notification was to reproduce the provisions of Section 11B of Central Excise Act without referring to the Section, this objection could not have been raised at all.*

*Another argument advanced was that Section 11B would not be applicable for cenvat credit taken on input service at all. Our attention was drawn to the provisions relating the relevant date under Section 11B(5), Explanation (B). According to this Explanation, "relevant date" means – "(a) in the case of goods exported out of India where a refund of excise duty paid is available in respect of the goods themselves or, as the case may be, the excisable materials used in the manufacture of such goods -, "the relevant date would be the date of export. It was submitted that no doubt provisions of Section 11B have been made applicable to service tax matters too. It was submitted that provisions relating to relevant date under Section 11B cited in the notification deals with input service for manufacture of excisable goods and therefore, it may not be correct to substitute this with service for the purpose of refund under Rule 5. Therefore, it was submitted that limitation*

*under Section 11B was not applicable at all and therefore, there is no limitation for making claim for refund.*

*It was submitted that in this case, refund being claimed is cenvat credit and not the duty or tax paid. in fact if we go through the provisions of Rule 5, it provides that cenvat credit in respect of inputs or inputs service can be utilized for payment of duty or service tax on final product or output service and where such adjustment is not possible, the manufacturer or the output service provider will be allowed refund. Further, we find that Section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994 makes provisions of Section 11B applicable for the purpose of service tax matters also. When Section 11B is applicable to service tax matters, we have to replace words 'excisable goods' used under Section 118 as 'services'. Therefore, for the purpose of refund, in view of the specific provisions of Section 83 and notification under Rule 5, it is necessary to substitute service in place of goods. We are not able to agree with the submission that this cannot be done. Therefore, provisions of Section 11B for the purpose of limitation would be applicable.*

*Moreover, it is settled law that while interpreting notification or statute, it is necessary to interpret in such a manner that the relevant clause or the provision does not become OTIOSE. If the submission made be counsel on behalf of the appellants that Section 11B would not be applicable at all, we would be rendering the clause relating to Section 11B in the notification totally irrelevant for the purpose of refund. In view of this reason, this submission cannot be accepted."*

5.2. He further submitted that as far as "relevant date" mentioned in Section 11B is concerned, there were divergent opinion of the different Benches of the Tribunal and finally the Larger Bench was constituted for resolving the controversy and the Larger Bench vide Order dated 09.02.2018 in the case of **CCE, Bangalore Vs. Span Infotech (India) Pvt. Ltd.** vide Interim Order 4/2018 has held that in respect of export of services, the "relevant date" for the purpose of deciding the time limit for consideration of refund claim under Rule 5 of the Cenvat Credit Rules may be taken at the end of the quarter in which the FIRC's received.

6. After considering the submissions of both the parties and perusal of the material on record and the various decisions relied upon by both the parties, I find that the Commissioner (Appeals) has rightly relied upon the decision of the **GTN Engineering (I) Ltd.** cited supra wherein it has been held that Section 11B will be applicable for the purpose of claiming refund under Rule 5 of the Cenvat Credit Rules. Further I find that the Division Bench of this Tribunal in the case of **Apotex Research Pvt. Ltd. and others** has examined this issue in quite detail and has come to the conclusion that the provisions of Section 11B for the purpose of limitation for claiming refund under Rule 5 of Cenvat Credit Rules 2004 would be applicable. Further I find that this issue has been considered by the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court in the case of **Indo-Nippon Chemicals Co. Ltd. Vs. UOI - 2005 (185) E.L.T. 19 (Guj.)** and the Hon'ble High Court after considering the provisions of Section 11B as well as the Cenvat Credit Rules

has come to the conclusion that Section 11B of the Act is applicable for the purpose of seeking of refund of cenvat credit. In this regard it is pertinent to mention the relevant paras of the judgment of the High Court which is reproduced herein below:

*“22. This case before us is on the question of applicability of Section 11B of the Act for the purpose of seeking refund of credit availed under the Modvat Scheme read with the Notifications incorporating Import Export Policy QBAL. For better appreciation of the contentions advance by the learned counsel for the parties, Section 11B of the Act in its relevant part thereof deserves to be quoted:*

*“11B. CLAIM FOR REFUND OF DUTY. -*

*(1) x x x*

*(2) x x x*

*Provided that the amount of duty of exercise as determined by the Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise under the foregoing provisions of this sub-section shall, instead of being credited to the Fund, be paid to the applicant, if such amount is relatable to:*

*(a) rebate of duty of excise on excisable goods exported out of India or on excisable material used in the manufacture of the goods which are exported out of India;*

*(b) unspent advance deposits lying in balance in the applicant's account current maintained with the Commissioner of Central Excise;*

(c) refund of credit of duty paid on excisable goods used as inputs in accordance with the Rules made, or any Notification issued, under this Act;

(d) duty of excise paid by the manufacturer if he had not passed on the incidence of such duty to any other person;

(e) the duty of excise borne by the buyer, if he had not passed on the incidence of such duty to any other person;

(f) the duty of excise borne by any other such class of applicants as the Central Government may, by Notification in the Official Gazette, specify :

*Provided further that no Notification under Clause (f) of the first proviso shall be issued unless in the opinion of the Central Government, the incidence of duty has not been passed on by the person concerned to any other person.”*

23. On behalf of the Department, reliance is placed on Clause (c) of the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 11B for the submission that the provisions of Section 11B are clearly attracted to Modvat credit. Sub-section (2) of Section 11B provides that wherever duty of excise paid is held to be refundable to the applicant, order of refund has to be made, but the amount so determined has to be credited to the Fund meaning Consumer Welfare Fund. Proviso to sub-Section (2) states that in cases falling under Clauses (a) to (f), the amount refundable after determination would not be credited to Consumer Welfare Fund and shall be paid to the applicant. In Clauses (a) to (f) is Clause (c), where on determination of the

amount refundable, instead of crediting the same to the Fund, it has to be paid to the applicant. Clause (c), speaks of 'refund of credit of duty paid on excisable goods used as inputs in accordance with the Rules made, or any notification issued, under this Act'.

24. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that Clause (c) below the proviso to sub-section (2) cannot be taken aid of for construing sub-section (1) of Section 11B and holding that in the expression 'duty', Modvat credit is included. It is argued that prior to insertion of Section 2A in the Act and as defined under the Rules, 'duty' did not expressly include in its definition, Modvat credit.

25. We have given careful consideration to the submissions made on the effect of Clause (c) below the proviso to sub-section (2) for the purpose of construing the main provision contained in sub-section (1) of Section 11B, which prescribes procedure and limitation for application for refund. The normal function of a proviso is to except something out of the enactment or to qualify something enacted therein, which, but for the proviso, would be within the purview of the enactment. To this real nature of proviso is also another principle of interpretation that the proper function of a proviso is that it qualifies the generality of the main enactment by providing an exception. Ordinarily, it is foreign to the proper function of proviso to read it as providing something by way of an addendum or dealing with a subject, which is foreign to the main enactment. Proviso can be taken aid of as useful guide to construction of the main enactment. Proviso can be taken aid of as useful guide to construction of the main enactment. If the enacting portion of a Section is

not clear a proviso appended to it may give an indication as to its true meaning. As stated by Lord Herschell, 'Of course, a proviso may be used to guide you in the selection of one or other of two possible constructions of the words to be found in the enactment, and show when there is doubt about its scope, when it may reasonably admit of doubt as to having this scope or that, which is the proper view to take of it'. Mudholkar, J. in *Hindustan Ideal Insurance Co. Ltd. v. Life Insurance Corporation Limited* reported in AIR 1963 SC 1087 stated the rule thus 'there is no doubt that where the main provision is clear, its effect cannot be cut down by the proviso. But where it is not clear, the proviso, which cannot be presumed to be a surplusage, can properly be looked into to ascertain the meaning and scope of the main provision'. Since the natural presumption is that but for the proviso, the enacting part of the Section would have included the subject matter of the proviso, the enacting part, should be generally given such a construction which would make the exceptions carved out by the proviso necessary and the construction which would make the exceptions unnecessary and redundant should be avoided (See *Principles of Statutory Interpretation* by Justice G.P. Singh, Eighth Edition 2001 Pages 168, 169, 174, 175 and 176).

26. Keeping in mind the above principles on aid of proviso for construction of main enactment, we have to examine the correctness of the contentions advanced on behalf of either of the parties. As has been pointed out to us, sub-section (2) in the main provisions speaks of refundable amount to be credited to Consumer Welfare Fund. Clauses (a) to (f) in the proviso including Clause (c) which makes mention of Modvat

*credit, provide that the amount refundable under the Modvat Scheme has to be paid to the applicant and it is not to be credited to the Fund. Clause (c) in the proviso thus has limited function for the purpose of sub-section (2) that such refund towards Modvat credit is to be paid to the applicant. Main Section 11B in sub-section (1) definitely covers refund claims on Modvat credit. If that were not so, Clause (c) in the proviso to sub-section (2) would not have been incorporated. We cannot accept the argument advances on behalf of the petitioner by the learned counsel that sub-section (1) should be interpreted as not to include refund claims based on Modvat credit and Clause (c) of the proviso to sub-section (2) cannot be taken aid of to read into sub-section (1) such claim as included in the main sub-section (1). If the interpretation as sought to be placed on the provisions on behalf of the petitioner is accepted, Clause (c) of the proviso to sub-section (2) would be rendered meaningless and of no effect. As per settled principles of interpretation of the proviso and its aid to be taken of for interpreting the main provisions, we are persuaded to accept the view point canvassed by the learned counsel for the Department that Clause (c) of the proviso to sub-section (2) is clear legislative indication that under sub-section (1) of Section 11B, refund claims on the basis of Modvat credit wrongly denied are fully covered in the absence of any special provision for it in the Rules containing Modvat Scheme.”*

6.1. Further I find that the Larger Bench while deciding the question of “relevant date” which is to be considered for the purpose of Section 11B for computation of limitation has observed in para 10 that “after considering the provisions of the Notification issued under Rule 5 of Cenvat Credit Rules, we

note that there is a specific condition that the refund claims are required to be filed within the period specified under Section 11B. Consequently we are of the view that completely ignoring the provisions of Section 11B may not be appropriate. In view of my discussion above, I am of the view that Section 11B is applicable for the purpose of computation of one year period for filing the refund claim and for export of service, the "relevant date" for the purpose of deciding the time limit for consideration of refund claim under Rule 5 of Cenvat Credit Rules will be the end of the quarter in which the FIRC's received. Consequently I dismiss all the appeals of the appellant being barred by limitation under Section 11B of the Act.

(Order Pronounced in Open Court on **/03/2018**)

**(S.S GARG)**  
**JUDICIAL MEMBER**

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