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PRINCIPAL BENCH, WEST BLOCK No.2, R.K.PURAM, NEW DELHI - 110066
SINGLE MEMBER APPEAL BRANCH

Appeal No. E/2703/2007 – SM[BR]

Date 28/10/2009

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Appellant

Vs
Respondent

M/S SAMTEL COLOR LTD.

I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy of **Final order No. 1319 / 2009 –SM[BR]** dated 14.9.2009
passed by the Tribunal under Section 35-C(1) of Central Excises Act, 1944

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1. Respondent

M/S SAMTEL COLOR LTD.

VILLAGE CHHAPRAULA, BULANDSHAHR ROAD, GHAZIABAD

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**IN THE CUSTOMS, EXCISE & SERVICE
TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL,
WEST BLOCK NO. 2, R.K. PURAM,
NEW DELHI**

COURT – III

CENTRAL EXCISE APPEAL NO. 2703 OF 2007-SM

[Arising out of Order-in-Appeal No. 70-CE/GZB/2007 dated 20.07.2007
passed by the Commissioner (Appeals), Central Excise, Ghaziabad]

For approval and signature:

Hon'ble Mr. P.K. Das, Member (Judicial)

1.	Whether Press Reporters may be allowed to see the order for publication as per Rule 27 of the CESTAT (Procedure) Rules, 1982?	
2.	Whether it would be released under Rule 27 of the CESTAT (Procedure) Rules, 1982 for publication in any authoritative report or not?	M.
3.	Whether their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the order?	
4.	Whether order is to be circulated to the Departmental authorities?	Yes

CCE, Ghaziabad

Appellant

Vs.

M/s. Samtel Colour Ltd.,

Respondents

Appearance:

Shri Sunil Kumar, JDR for the Revenue;
Shri Ravi Raghavan, Advocate for the respondents

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. P.K. Das, Member (Judicial),

Date of hearing/decision: 14th September, 2009

FINAL ORDER NO. 1319 / 2009 SM (B8) dated _____

Per P.K. Das:

After hearing both sides and on perusal of the records, it is seen that the Tribunal in the respondent's own case held that the goods used as paints used on floor of production hall is eligible for Cenvat credit as input under Cenvat Credit Rules, 2001/2002 which is duly reported in 2005 (192) ELT 372 (Tri.- Del.). In view of the decision of the Tribunal the original authority sanctioned the refund claim. Revenue filed appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals) which was dismissed. Hence, the Revenue filed this appeal.

2. Contention of the learned JDR is that the Revenue filed appeal before the Hon'ble High Court at Allahabad against the order of the Tribunal as reported in 2005 (192) ELT 372 (Tri. - Del.). The finding of the Commissioner (Appeals) is reproduced below:-

"I find that the adjudicating authority has passed the impugned order by keeping within the limits of judicial discipline. The principles of judicial discipline require that the orders of higher authority are required to be followed unreservedly by the subordinate authority. Even if an appeal is filed, it cannot furnish a ground for not following the order of the superior forum unless the operation of the order has been stayed by a competent higher forum. The same was held by the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court in Topland Engines (P) Ltd. vs. UOI [2006 (199) ELT 209

(Guj.)). The Hon'ble High Court followed the law laid down in Kamlakshi Finance Corporation Ltd. case [1991 (55) ELT 433 (S.C.)] wherein the Hon'ble Apex Court observed that "the mere fact that the order of the appellate authority is not acceptable to the department... and is the subject matter of an appeal can furnish no ground for not following it unless its operation has been suspended by a competent Court. Rule is not followed, the result will only be undue harassment to assesseees and chaos in administration of tax laws."

3. I agree with the findings of the Commissioner (Appeals). Revenue filed appeal before the Hon'ble High Court cannot be a ground for rejection of refund claim. Hence, I do not find any reason to interfere with the order of the Commissioner (Appeals). Accordingly, appeal filed by the Revenue is rejected.

(Dictated & pronounced in the Open Court.)

(P.K. DAS)
MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

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