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SINGLE MEMBER APPEAL BRANCH

Appeal No. **E/3177 - 3179/2009 – SM [BR]** Date **25/08/2011**

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C.C.E. MEERUT II
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ROAD, MEERUT (UP)
C.C.E. MEERUT II Appellant

Vs

M/S DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD Respondent

I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy of **Final order No. 504 – 506 /2011-SM[BR]** dated 11.8.2011 passed by the Tribunal under **Section 35-C(1)of Central Excises Act, 1944**

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West Block No.2, R.K.Puram, New Delli,

Court No.II

Date of hearing & decision : 11. 08. 2011

Ex. Appeal No.E/3177-3179/09-SM

(Arising out of O/A Nos. 224-226-CE/MRT-II/2009 dated 18.8.2009 passed by Commissioner (Appeals) of Central Excise & Customs, Meerut II)

For approval and signature:

Hon'ble Mr. D. N. Panda, 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 should be released under Rule 27 of the CESTAT (Procedure) Rules, 1982 for publication in any authoritative report or not? :
3. Whether His Lordship wishes to see the fair copy of the Order? :
4. Whether Order is to be circulated to the Departmental Authorities? :

CCE & Customs, Meerut II ...APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

M/s Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd.

RESPONDENT (S)

APPEARANCE

Rep. by Shri R. Jagdeev, SDR for the Department
Rep. by none for the Respondent

CORAM:

Hon'ble Mr. D. N. Panda, Member (Judicial)

Final Oral Order No. 504 - 506/2011 SM (BR)

Per Mr. D. N. Panda :

The appeal records show that the Revenue has come in appeal against the first appellate order No.224-226-CE/MRT II/2009 dated 18.8.2009. The document at page 1 of appeal folder is an Authorisation by two Commissioners which is not disclosing whether they have taken a decision forming a Committee, while law requires that the Committee of the Commissioners should decide maintainability of the appeal disclosing reasons why order of appeal is neither legal nor proper. In absence of such a decision, Revenue does not have locus to seek appeal remedy being handicapped by Review Order which has not seen light of the day and that was not dated by the Commissioners. Such casual behavior of Revenue was seriously noticed by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana and the Hon'ble Court expressed anxiety in the case of CCE, Delhi II Vs. B. E. Office Automation Products Pvt. Ltd. reported in 2010 (249) ELT 24 (P & H) . Courts never prefer to make revenue non-suiter. But for the reason of non-maintainability, no Court can entertain such appeal. It will be proper to reproduce para 5 of the aforesaid case for convenience of reading and to appreciate anxiety of Hon'ble Court :

> "**5.** The Revenue has also pleaded that after the dismissal of the appeal vide order dated 2-2-2009 an order of authorisation has been passed subsequently on 4/6/2-2-2009 which may be considered as *ex post facto* authorisation. Firstly, there is no ground raised in the grounds of appeal which has been filed on 6-7-2009. Moreover, after the dismissal of appeal by the Tribunal the defect could not have been removed. A perusal of the file shows that the Revenue has proceeded on the premises that on 2-2-2009 it has been given time to cure the defect by 9-2-2009 as the next date fixed is 18-2-2009. The aforesaid premise is factually incorrect as the appeals were dismissed vide order dated 2-2-2009 (A.4). In any case once the fundamental element of

formation of opinion of filing the appeal is missing then no appeal is deemed to be instituted in the eyes of law. Ordinarily, we do not non suit the Revenue for a procedural lapse but this case is of such a nature that lapses one after the other have been committed. Therefore, the appeals are wholly without merit and are liable to be dismissed."

2. On the earlier occasion, it was also noticed that Revenue has lost its appeal repeatedly for the reason aforesaid. One such case has been reported as CCE, Kanpur Vs. Karule Chemical Company reported in 2009 (245) ELT 335 (Tri-Del.)

3. For the reason aforesaid, the Revenue's appeal is dismissed.

(Dictated and pronounced in the open Court)

(D. N. Panda)
Member (Judicial)

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