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PRINCIPAL BENCH - COURT NO. II Service Tax Appeal No. 50074 of 2022 (SM)

(Arising out of Order-in-Appeal No. 248(SM)/ST/JPR/2021 dated 23.07.2021 passed by the Commissioner (Appeals), Central Excise & CGST, Jaipur.)

M/s Sukh Samriddhi Insurance Consultants Pvt Ltd

Appellant

(Now known as: Sophic Solutions India Pvt Ltd) SF-23-E, IIND Floor, Jaipur Electronic Market, Mangalam Mall,

Near Ridhi Sidhi Circle, Gopalpura Byepass, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302018

VERSUS

Commissioner, Central Excise & CGST-Jaipur I

Respondent

NCR Building, Statue Circle, C-Scheme, Jaipur Rajasthan-302005

APPEARANCE:

None for the Appellant Shri Mahesh Bhardwaj, Authorised Representative for the Respondent

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. ANIL CHOUDHARY, MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

FINAL ORDER NO. 51078 / 2022

Date of Hearing: 15.11.2022 Date of Decision: 15.11.2022

ANIL CHOUDHARY:

Heard the learned Authorised Representative and perused the records. The appellant have prayed for decision on merits.

2. The appellant have taken the ground that the Order-in-Original is wholly without jurisdiction as no show cause notice was served upon them. I find from perusal of the records that Order-in-Original was passed ex parte. Further, the Order-in-Original does not mention the

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date of show cause notice neither it mentions as to the manner of

service of the show cause notice. When the Order-in-Original was

issued, it was returned to the department by the post office with the

remark 'left'.

3. Further in the first appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals),

the appellant had taken the ground that show cause notice have not

been served upon them. However, I find that the impugned OIA is

silent on this ground and I find no discussion and our findings on this

ground.

Vide order sheet dated 21/07/2022, this Tribunal taking into 4.

notice the aforementioned facts had directed the revenue to obtain the

report from the concerned Adjudicating Authority as to how the show

cause notice has been served. But in spite of further two opportunities,

which were granted on 19/09/2022 and 27/10/2022, there is no report

filed. Further, there is no application for time from the Adjudicating

Authority, nor any progress has been made in the matter.

5. In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances, I hold

that no show cause notice has been served on the appellant-assessee

and as such, the passing of Order-in-Original is without jurisdiction

and nonest in the eyes of law. Accordingly, this appeal is allowed and

the impugned order is set aside. The appellant is entitled to

consequential benefits in accordance with law.

(Dictated and pronounced in open Court)

Anil Choudhary Member(Judicial)

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