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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 9th December, 2019

S.R.O. No. 421/2019—WHEREAS, sub-section(1) of Section 112 of the Odisha Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Odisha Act 7 of 2017) (hereafter in this Order referred to as the said Act) provides that any person aggrieved by an order passed against him under section 107 or Section108 of this Act or the Central Goods and Services Tax Act may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal against such order within three months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated to the person preferring the appeal;

AND, WHEREAS, sub-section (3) of Section 112 of the said Act provides that the Commissioner may, on his own motion, or upon request from the Commissioner of Central Tax, call for and examine the record of any order passed by the Appellate Authority or the Revisional Authority under this Act or the Central Goods and Services Tax Act for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legality or propriety of the said order and may, by order, direct any officer subordinate to him to apply to the Appellate Tribunal within six months from the date on which the said order has been passed for determination of such points arising out of the said order as may be specified by the Commissioner in his order;

AND, WHEREAS, Section109 of the said Act read with Section 109 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act provides for the constitution of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal and Benches thereof;

AND, WHEREAS, for the purpose of filing the appeal or application as referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) of Section112 of the said Act, as the case may be, the Appellate Tribunal and its Benches are yet to be constituted in the State under section109 of the said Act as a result whereof, the said appeal or application could not be filed within the time limits specified in the said sub-sections, and because of that, certain difficulties have arisen in giving effect to the provisions of the said section;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 172 of the Odisha Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, the State Government, on the recommendations of the Goods and Services Tax Council, hereby makes the following Order, to remove the difficulties, namely:—

1. Short Title.—This Order may be called the Odisha Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019.

2. For the removal of difficulties, it is here by clarified that for the purpose of calculating,—

- (a) the “three months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated to the person preferring the appeal” in sub-section (1) of Section 112, the start of the three months period shall be considered to be the later of the following dates:—
 - (i) date of communication of order; or
 - (ii) the date on which the State President, as the case may be, of the Appellate Tribunal after its constitution under section 109, enters office;
- (b) the “six months from the date on which the said order has been passed” in sub-section (3) of Section 112, the start of the six months period shall be considered to be the later of the following dates:—
 - (i) date of communication of order; or
 - (ii) the date on which the State President, as the case may be, of the Appellate Tribunal after its constitution under section 109, enters office.

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By Order of the Governor

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Joint Secretary to the Government