

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP 7068/2017(O&M)
Date of decision:23.07.2019.**

M/s SJ Woolen Mills and others

.....Petitioners

v.

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

**Coram: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Jaswant Singh
 Hon'ble Mr.Justice Lalit Batra**

Present:- Mr.Amar Partap Singh,Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr.Sourabh Goel,Advocate for respondents

Jaswant Singh,J,(Oral).

Petitioner-firm,situated in Ludhiana, is engaged in the business of import of yarn. During the period 2005 to 2007 it imported various types of yarn allegedly after following due procedure. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence-respondent no.3 purportedly received intelligence that the petitioner firm was indulging in evasion of Custom Duty by mis-declaring the value and description of yarn/incompletely declaring the description of yarn. Accordingly searches were carried out by respondent no.3 on 5.11.2007.

On the basis of investigations carried out it was allegedly revealed that the petitioner had also imported yarn and made subsequent sale thereof in India adopting similar modus operandi of mis-declaration and undervaluation. Thereafter factory-cum-business premises of the petitioner-company were searched by the DRI on 22.1.2009 and certain goods were seized.

Subsequently respondent no.2 issued Show Cause Notice dated 14.1.2010 (P-1) to the petitioner company alleging evasion of customs duty of Rs.587.58 lacs by mis-declaring the value and description of yarn as also

by incompletely declaring the description of the yarn imported by petitioner from China and Singapore. Further in the said show cause notice (P-1) customs duty alongwith interest under Section 26 AB of the Customs Act,1962 (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and penalty under Section 114A of the Customs Act was demanded.

Prayer in the present petition is to quash show cause notice (P-1); strike down the Customs (Amendment and Validation)Act,2011 to the extent of inserting sub-section 11 to Section 28 of the Act, being invalid and bad in law; and to strike down Section 28(11) of the Act being violative of Article 14 of the Constitution.

Upon notice written statement has been filed on behalf of respondents 1 to 4 through Dipak Kumar Gupta,Commissioner of Customs, Customs Preventive Commissionerate,Amritsar.

At the time of hearing, it is stated by the learned counsel for the respondents that the impugned show cause notice (P-1) already stands adjudicated vide order dated 11.3.2019 (R-1/1) passed by the Commissioner of Customs,Amritsar and against said order, petitioner has already availed the remedy of appeal under the provisions of Customs Act in June 2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioners does not dispute the fact that statutory appeal before CESTAT,Chandigarh already stands filed and therefore, two parallel proceedings cannot continue.

In view of the above,present writ petition is disposed of by relegating the petitioners to pursue the remedy of appeal already filed before the CESTAT,Chandigarh.

(Jaswant Singh)
Judge

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(Lalit Batra)
Judge

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No