Appellant : Smt. K. Thankamani

Respondent : Central Excise, Customs & Service Tax, Calicut

This matter came up for hearing on 12.11.2010 through videoconference (VC). Appellant was present (and was assisted by one, Shri Vinod) at NIC VC facility at Kasargod, while the respondents — represented by Shri P.A. Gangadharan, Deputy Commissioner — were present at NIC VC facility at Cochin.

2. Appellant, through her RTI-application dated 03.04.2010, raised the following queries:-

“1. Whether the above applicant, K. Thankamani had submitted an application for appointment to her son Sajith K. Ravindran under the compassionate ground or not?

2. If such an application received, what steps had taken in further upon that application?

3. Whether the Central Excise and Customs Department had allowed any application under the compassionate ground to any person after 2004 January? If so the details of such persons may be allowed.
4. Whether the concerned officer had made any reply to the above applicant: Thankmani for her application to appoint her son Sajith K. Ravindran under compassionate ground? If not why?"

3. In his reply dated 20.04.2010, CPIO informed appellant that it was true that the appellant, earlier on 29.09.2004, had submitted a request for the appointment of her son, Shri Sajith K. Ravindran on compassionate grounds, which was sent to the Central Excise Commissionerate, Cochin on 25.04.2005 for necessary action.

4. It is not clear from the responses which have been provided by both the Cochin and the Calicut offices of the Central Excise Commissionerate as to whether appellant’s request for compassionate appointment for her son was processed and, if so, the action thereof.

5. It is accordingly directed that a reply must be furnished to the appellant within two weeks about the status of the disposal by the Cochin office of the Central Excise Commissionerate of appellant’s application dated 29.09.2004 for compassionate appointment of her son.

6. Appeal decided accordingly.

7. Copy of this direction be sent to the parties.

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CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER