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# <u>DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE [BENCH – IV (2021-2022)]</u>

# [Constituted under Section 21B of the Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Act, 1949]

Findings under Rule 18(17) read with Rule 19(2) of the Chartered Accountants (Procedure of Investigations of Professional and Other Misconduct and Conduct of Cases) Rules, 2007.

File No.: [PPR/P/29/17/DD/18/INF/17/DC/591/2017]

# In the matter of:

CA. Man Mohan Gupta (M.No.091936) 1307/19, Kirpal Cottage, Sant Nagar, Rohtak Haryana – 124001

...Respondent

# **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CA. Nihar N Jambusaria, Presiding Officer Shri Arun Kumar, Member (Govt. Nominee) CA. G Sekar, Member

DATE OF FINAL HEARING: 20.10.2021 through Video Conferencing

# **PARTIES PRESENT:**

- i) CA. Man Mohan Gupta: the Respondent
- ii) Mr. Manu Kapila, Mr. Rajesh Dahiya and Mr. Pushpender Kumar: Committee witness from SFIO (all appeared from their respective personal locations)

# Charges in Brief:-

1. The Committee noted that in the Prima-Facie Opinion formed by Director (Discipline) in terms of Rule 9 of the Chartered Accountants

(Procedure of Investigations of Professional and Other Misconduct and Conduct of Cases) Rules, 2007, the Respondent was held prima facie **GUILTY** of Professional and Other Misconduct falling within the meanings of Clause (2) of Part-IV of First Schedule and Clause (7) of Part-I of Second Schedule to the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 read with Section 22 of the said Act. The said Clause to the Schedule state as under:

#### First Schedule

#### Part IV

"(2) in the opinion of the Council, brings disrepute to the profession or the Institute as a result of his action whether or not related to his professional work."

## Second schedule

#### Part I

- "(7) does not exercise due diligence, or is grossly negligent in the conduct of his professional duties;"
- 2. Specific Charges alleged against the Respondent are as under:-
- 2.1 The Respondent was acting:
- (a) As a mediator in providing accommodation entries in connivance with Jain Brothers (S.K. Jain & V.K. Jain);
- (b) Engaged in money laundering operations with the above Jain Brothers;
- (c) Inflation of balance sheet by rotational transfer of funds among the entities controlled by the above Jain Brothers,
- (d) Abetting in defrauding the National Exchequer;
- (e) Placing, layering and integration of unaccounted funds and
- (f) Abetting in arrangement of false Valuation Report.





### Brief facts of the Proceedings:

- 3. At hearing dated 20.10.2021, the Committee noted that the Respondent as well as the witness of the Committee from the Informant Department were present before it for hearing. Thereafter, they gave a declaration that there was nobody except them in room from where they were appearing and that they would neither record nor store the proceedings of the Committee in any form.
- 3.1. As this case was part heard on 22.08.2017, thereafter, the Committee asked the Respondent to make submissions in the matter. The Respondent made his submissions. Thereafter, the Committee asked its Witness from the Informant Department to make submissions in context of submissions made by the Respondent. The Committee, thereafter, examined the Respondent based on the submissions made. Accordingly, the matter was heard and concluded.

# **Findings of the Committee**

- 4. At the outset, the Committee noted the submissions of the Respondent that it was a case of mis-identity of the Respondent and that the Respondent was never involved in the alleged matters. Hence, he contended that there was no evidence to prove the involvement of the Respondent in the alleged matters.
- 4.1 It was further noted that when the Witness from SFIO, the Informant Department, was asked to establish if the Respondent was the person being referred to in its Investigation report in case of M/s. NKS holdings and its group Companies, the Witness submitted that the

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Informant Department never recorded statement of the Respondent nor investigated into the role of the Respondent. In fact, the said name of Chartered Accountant was contained in the books/dairies maintained by Jain brothers as seized by the Income Tax Department during search and seizure at the premise of Jain brothers.

- 4.2 In the light of the fact that the SFIO, the Informant Department, was not able to establish the identity of the Respondent being the same person being referred in their investigation Report, the Committee had no option but to drop the case against the Respondent subject to receipt of affidavit from the Respondent that he was never involved in the matter of providing accommodation entries and that he was not the person being referred in SFIO investigation report on the affairs of M/s. NKS holdings and its group Companies.
- 4.3 It was noted that in accordance with the directions of the Committee, the Respondent filed an affidavit dated 22/10/2021 duly notarized stating that "he never met Mr. S.K. Jain/V.K. Jain. Further, he states that he also don't know the recipient persons/Company."
- 4.4 Thus, the matter was not heard on merits and decided for closure of the matter against the Respondent.

# Conclusion

5. In view of the fact that the SFIO was not able to establish the identity of the Respondent i.e. CA. Manmohan Gupta (M. No. 091936)

being the same person being referred in their investigation Report, the Committee decided for closure of the matter against the Respondent.

# Order

6. Thus, present complaint case against the Respondent be Closed.

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Sd/-(CA. NIHAR N JAMBUSARIA) PRESIDING OFFICER Sd/-(SHRI ARUN KUMAR) GOVERNMENT NOMINEE

Sd/-(CA. G SEKAR) MEMBER

Date: 28/01/2022

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