ORDER
Consequent upon Cadre Restructuring of Odisha Finance Service Officers as per Finance Department resolution No. 29040 /F dated 07.10.2017,
- the twelve Commercial Tax Territorial Ranges shall now be headed by officers of the rank Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes instead of Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes and accordingly twelve additional posts of Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes have been created against the Commercial Tax Territorial Ranges.
- the number of posts of Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Appeal) has been increased from three to seven; creating new posts at Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Balasore and Rourkela.

Therefore, it has now become necessary to re-assign the Appellate and Revisional functions amongst various statutory authorities under the OVAT Act, the OET Act and the CST Act for proper and expeditious disposal of Appeals and Revisions filed by dealers. Hence, in exercise of the power conferred under section 3 of the OVAT Act, it is hereby ordered that:-

(A) The Additional Commissioners of Commercial Taxes, posted as Head of the Territorial Ranges, shall not exercise any appellate power unless specifically empowered by the Commissioner of Sales Tax. They shall exercise only the revision power as delegated by the Commissioner of Sales Tax, both u/s 79(1) and 79(2) of the OVAT Act read with Rule 22 of the CST (O) Rules and u/s 18(1) and 18(3) of the OET Act, from time to time.

(B) The Joint Commissioners of Commercial Taxes posted to the Territorial Ranges, other than the Joint Commissioners of Sales Tax (Appeal), shall also not exercise any appellate power unless specifically empowered by the Commissioner of Sales Tax. They shall exercise the revisional power as delegated by the Commissioner of Sales Tax, both u/s 79(1) and 79(2) of the OVAT Act read with Rule 22 of the CST (O) Rules and u/s 18(1) and 18(3) of the OET Act, from time to time. They shall take up those revision cases as may be assigned to them by the Head of the Territorial Range.

(C) The Appellate power shall be exercised only by the Additional Commissioner of Sales Taxes (Appeal), Joint Commissioner of Sales Taxes (Appeal) and Deputy
Commissioner of Sales Taxes (Appeal), who are exclusively posted as 1st Appellate Officers. They shall not exercise any power of revision unless specifically empowered by the Commissioner of Sales Tax.

(D) 1st Appeal cases will be heard and disposed of by the 1st Appellate Officers in the following manner:

a. The 1st appeal against an order of assessment passed by a Joint / Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax shall lie before the Additional Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) of the Commercial Tax Range concerned.

b. The 1st appeal against an order of assessment passed by an Assistant Commissioner of Sales Tax / Sales Tax Officer shall lie before the Joint / Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) of the Commercial Tax Range concerned.

(E) The Commercial Tax Territorial Ranges are hereby assigned to different Additional Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal), as given below, for disposal of 1st Appeal cases with reference to Para D(a)

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(F) Though the Joint Commissioner of Sales Taxes (Appeal) / Deputy Commissioner of Sales Taxes (Appeal) shall continue to remain under the administrative control of the Commercial Tax Territorial Range Head, the Additional Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) of the Territorial Range concerned will supervise the activities of the Joint Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) / Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) and such supervision shall include visit to the Range office and verification of records related to filing and disposal of the appeals by Joint Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) / Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal).

(G) This order shall come into effect from 01.04.2018 and shall supercede all previous orders issued by the Commissioner of Sales Tax in this context.
(H) The appeal cases pending with Additional / Joint Commissioner of Sales Tax of the Territorial Ranges and which are presently at a ripe stage of disposal shall be disposed of by them by 31.03.2018 and the remaining appeal cases shall stand transferred, u/s 6 of the OVAT Act read with Rule 34 of the OET Rules and Rule 22 of the CST (O) Rules, to the Additional Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) / Joint Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) of the Territorial Ranges concerned for disposal as per para D and E above.

(I) The revision cases pending with Additional Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) or Joint Commissioner of Sales Tax (Appeal) and which are presently at a ripe stage of disposal shall be disposed of by them by 31.03.2018 and the remaining revision cases shall stand transferred, u/s 6 of the OVAT Act read with Rule 34 of the OET Rules and Rule 22 of the CST (O) Rules, to the Head of the Territorial Ranges concerned for disposal as per para A and B above.

Saswat Mishra
Commissioner of Sales Tax
Odisha, Cuttack

Memo No. 3804/CT.,

Dated 03/03/2018

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Commissioner of Commercial Tax
Odisha, Cuttack
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