Application No. RD/ER/454/24/23/Appeal /8897-02

BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, EASTERN REGION MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, KOLKATA.

IN THE MATTER OF

THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF

M/S. CHECONS LTD P- 46A, RADHA BAZAR LANE, 4TH FLOOR, KOLKATA 700001, WB, INDIA

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF

Application under section 454 of The Companies Act, 2013 for preferring an appeal against the penalty order dated 03/08/2023 of Registrar of Companies, West Bengal passed for violating the provisions of section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013.

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IN THE MATTER OF

- M/S. CHECONS LTD
 P- 46A, RADHA BAZAR LANE, 4TH FLOOR, KOLKATA 700001, WB, INDIA
- 2. SANJAY KUMAR BHUWALKA (DIRECTOR) 9, MURALI DHAR SEN LANE, 2ND FLOOR, CHITTARANJAN AVENUE, KOLKATA 700073, WEST BENGAL, INDIA



- 3. DINESH PARAKH (DIRECTOR) S/O. V; GULAB CHAND PARAKH, N- 93, SECOND FLOOR, GALI NO. 2, GREATER KAILASH PAR-1, SOUTH DELHI 110048, DELHI, INDIA
- 4. AVANTIKA GUPTA (DIRECTOR) D/O. PADAM PRAKASH GUPTA, 2 B HASTING PARK ROAD, ALIPORE, KOLKATA 700027, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

..... APPELLANTS

Date of Hearing :

01/02/2024

Present

: Mr. Amarendra Kumar Rai, Company Secretary & Authorised Representative

ORDER

1. The present appeal under section 454 of the Companies Act,2013 read with the provisions of the Companies (Adjudication of Penalties) Rules, 2014 was filed vide Form ADJ bearing SRN no. F65664674 dated 04/10/2023 by the aforesaid appellants against the penalty order under section 203 of the Adjudicating Authority i.e. Registrar of Companies, West Bengal dated 03/08/2023 communicated to the appellants vide letter no. ROC/LEGAL/ADJ/2023/034153/penalty order/4042-4046 dated: 03/08/2023.



- 2. The office of the Registrar of Companies, West Bengal had issued adjudication notice for violation of section 203 of the Act vides notice no. ROC/LEGAL/ADJ/2022/034153/14124-14127 dated 29.09.2022 to the company and its officers. In this regard, no adequate reply to the adjudication notice as mentioned above has been received from the noticee(s) i.e. the company and its concerned officers in default as to why penalty shall not be imposed.
- **3.** Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the Adjudicating Authority has imposed the penalty as under:-

Name of the Applicant Company/ Director	No. of days of Default	First Default (in Rs.)	Continuing Default (in Rs.)	Total maximum Penalty(in Rs.)
CHECONS LTD (Period of default from 02.11.2018 to 14.03.2020 01.09.2022 to 16.06.2023)	788	5,00,000/-		5,00,000/-
SANJAY KUMAR BHUWALKA [DIN: 00056587] [Appointed on 07.12.1996] (Period of default from 02.11.2018 to 14.03.2020 01.09.2022 to 16.06.2023)	788	5,00,000	788 * 1,000= 7,88,000	5,00,000/-
DINESH PARAKH [DIN: 00057091] [Appointed on 23.11.2002] (Period of default from 02.11.2018 to 14.03.2020	788	5,00,000	788 * 1,000= 7,88,000	5,00,000/-

01.09.2022 to				
16.06.2023)				
AVANTIKA GUPTA [DIN: 03149138] [Appointed on				
26.03.2015]			788 *	5,00,000/-
(Period of default from	788	5,00,000	1,000=	
02.11.2018 to 14.03.2020			7,88,000	
01.09.2022 to				
16.06.2023)				

- 4. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and after taking into account the factors above, the Adjudicating Officer imposed a maximum penalty of total Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) i.e., Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) on the Company and Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) on each of its 3 (Three) officers-in-default for failure to make compliance of the Act u/s. 203 of the Act.
- **5.** The Authorized Representative of the appellants during the hearing held on 01/02/2024 submitted as under:-
 - (a) The Authorized Representative (AR) of the appellant referred some instances of 'order of Appeal' passed by the different Regional Directors (Appellate Authority) under Ministry of Corporate Affairs wherein the penalty amounts were reduced from the penalty order imposed by the Adjudicating Officer and the AR requested before the Appellate Authority to reduce the penalty amount in present instance in light of the referred orders.



- (b) The Authorized Representative (AR) had submitted a reference letter issued by The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited to the Appellant Company M/s Checons Limited stating the facts that the said company is suspended from the records of the Exchange w.e.f 21st March, 2014.
 - 6. With regard to the order of Adjudicating Authority imposing penalty on the Company and other three remaining directors namely M/s Checons Ltd, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bhuwalka, Mr. Dinesh Parakh and Ms Avantika Gupta no cogent reason was pointed out for interference. Hence, the order of the Adjudicating Officer to that extent is confirmed.
- 7. The undersigned by virtue of the power vested in Regional Director under section 454(7) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Adjudication of Penalties) rules, 2014 confirm the order of the Registrar of Companies, West Bengal dated 03/08/2023 as stated above. The Company and 3 directors/officers of the company against whom the order is confirmed shall pay the amount of penalty within a period of 90 days from the date of receipt of the copy of the order. The Directors of the Company shall pay the Penalty amount out of their own pocket. Further, if the company and its 3 directors namely Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bhuwalka, Mr. Dinesh Parakh and Ms Avantika Gupta fail to deposit the penalty amount

within the prescribed time limit action under section 454(8)(i) and (ii) of the Companies Act, 2013 shall be initiated against the Company and the said 3 Directors.

8. Accordingly the instant Appeal stands disposed of accordingly.

(P. Sridhar) REGIONAL DIRECTOR (ER)

Signed this the 05th day of March, 2024.

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- 5. The Registrar of Companies,
 West Bengal,..... for information in respect of his letter no.
 ROC/ADJ/034153/141/2023/10145 dated 04/01/2024
- 6. The Officer in Charge, E-Gov. Cell, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, 5th Floor, 'A' Wing Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001,-with a request to upload this Order on the website of the Ministry.

