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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
INCOME TAX APPEAL NO.416 OF 2015
WITH
INCOME TAX APPEAL NO.420 OF 2015

The Commissioner of Income Tax-20	..Appellant
<i>Versus</i>	
Devesh Agarwal	..Respondent

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Mr. N. C. Mohanty for the Appellant.
None for the Respondent.

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CORAM: M. S. SANKLECHA &
A. K. MENON, JJ.

DATE : 6th MARCH, 2017

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1. Both the Appeals relate to Assessment Years 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively. The appeals have been filed by the Revenue from a common impugned order dated 31st July, 2014 disposing of two appeals for the Assessment Years 2003-04 and 2004-05.

2. Mr. Mohanty, learned Counsel appearing for the Revenue invited our attention to Circular No.21 of 2015 issued by the Central Board for Direct Tax dated 10th December, 2015. In particular, our attention invited to paragraphs 3, 5 and 10 therein which read as under:-

“3:- Henceforth, appeals/SLPs shall not be filed in cases where the tax effect does not exceed the monetary limits given hereunder:-

Sr. No.	Appeals in Income Tax matters	Monetary Limit (in Rs.)
1	Before Appellate Tribunal	10,00,000/-
2	Before High Court	20,00,000/-
3	Before Supreme Court	25,00,000/-

It is clarified that an appeal should not be filed merely because the tax effect in a case exceeds the monetary limits prescribed above. Filing of appeal in such cases is to be decided on merits of the case.”

“5. However, in case of a composite order of any High Court or appellate authority, which involves more than one assessment year and common issues in more than one assessment year, appeal shall be filed in respect of all such assessment years even if the 'tax effect' is less than the prescribed monetary limits in any of the year(s), if it is decided to file appeal in respect of the year(s) in which 'tax effect' exceeds the monetary limit prescribed. In case where a composite order / judgment involves more than one assessee, each assessee shall be dealt with separately.”

“10:- This instruction will apply retrospectively to pending appeals and appeals to be filed henceforth in High Courts/ Tribunals. Pending appeals below the specified tax limits in para 3 above may be withdrawn/not pressed. Appeals before the Supreme Court will be governed by the instructions on this subject, operative at the time when such appeal was filed.”

3. In the present cases, the tax effect as mentioned in paragraph 11.1 of the each of the two Appeal Memos is as under :-

Appeal No.	Assessment Year	Amount (Tax effect)
416 of 2015	2003-04	3.83 lakhs
420 of 2015	2004-05	10.99 lakhs

4. As none of the two appeals have a tax effect of Rs.20,00,000/- or more, Mr. Mohanty, learned Counsel appearing for the Revenue does not press any of the two Appeals.

5. Accordingly, both the Appeals are dismissed, as not pressed.

6. Refund of Court Fees, as per Rules.

(A. K. MENON, J.)

(M. S. SANKLECHA, J.)