

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 14512 OF 2024

Rajesh Barkatali Surani ...Petitioner

Versus

Income Tax Officer, Ward 2(1), Thane & Ors. ...Respondents

Adv. Radha Halbe i/b Kashyab Chothani for Petitioner.

Adv. Akhileshwar Sharma for Respondent.

CORAM: G. S. KULKARNI &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.

DATE: 21 OCTOBER 2024

P.C.

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
2. This Petition impugns a notice dated 26 April 2024 for Assessment Year 2019-20, issued under Section 148 of the Income Tax Act, by Respondent No.1, who is the Jurisdictional Assessing Officer.
3. Mr. Radha Halbe, the learned Counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Jurisdictional Assessing Officer would not have jurisdiction to issue the impugned notice, considering the principle of law as laid down by this Court in *Hexaware Technologies Limited v/s. Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax & Others*¹.

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4. Mr. Akhileshwar Sharma, the learned Counsel for the Respondent would not disputes such contention as urged on behalf of the Petitioner. He, however, submitted that the view taken by this Court in *M/s. J. D. Printers Pvt. Ltd., v/s. Income Tax Officer – 15(1)(2) & Ors.*² be followed in the present proceedings.

5. We have heard the learned Counsel for the parties and having perused the record, we are of the opinion that, for the reasons as recorded by us in *M/s. J. D. Printer* (supra) in regard to our observations on the proceedings involving the decision in *Hexaware Technologies Ltd.* (supra), we pass the following order:-

ORDER

- (a) Rule. Respondents waive service.
- (b) Pending the hearing and final disposal of this Petition, there shall be interim orders in terms of prayer clause (d).
- (c) Liberty to the parties to apply after appropriate orders are passed by the Supreme Court and/or final decision of the Supreme Court in Hexaware.

(FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)