

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.4458 OF 2024
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.4544 OF 2024

Future Generali India Insurance Co. Ltd., ... Petitioner
Versus

Asst. Commissioner of Income Tax
Central Circle-6(2) & Others ... Respondents

Ms. Apurva Chaudhary i/b. Sriram Sridharan, for the Petitioner in both the Petitions.

Ms. Swapna Gokhale, for the Respondents in both the matters.

CORAM: G. S. KULKARNI &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.
DATED: 24th OCTOBER, 2024

P.C.

Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.

2 This Petition impugns a notice dated 31st March, 2024 for Assessment Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 respectively, issued under Section 148 of the Income Tax Act, by Respondent No.1, who is the Jurisdictional Assessing Officer.

3 Ms. Chaudhary, 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.

4 Ms. Gokhale, the learned Counsel for the Respondents would not dispute such contention as urged on behalf of the Petitioner. She, however, submitted that the view taken by this Court in *M/s. J. D. Printer 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 need to 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 (i).
- (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.)