



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-5831-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-03.03.2025

Shree Bhagwan Cotton Traders

....Petitioner

Vs.

National Faceless Assessment Centre, Delhi and ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Divya Suri, Mr. Sachin Bhardwaj &
Mr. Yogesh Kumar Mittal, Advocates,
for the petitioner

Ms. Urvashi Dhugga, Sr. Standing counsel
for the respondent.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA, J.

1. Challenge in the instant writ petition is to notice dated 10.04.2023 issued under Section 148 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (for short 'Act 1961'); order dated 10.04.2023 issued under Section 148 A(d) of the Act, 1961; notice dated 22.03.2023 issued under Section 148 A(b) of the Act, 1961; show cause notice cum draft assessment order dated 22.02.2025; rejection order dated 25.02.2025 and consequential actions, for AY 2016-2017.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the issue involved in the present writ petition is covered by the judgment passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in the cases of *Jatinder Singh Bhangu vs. Union of India and others*, passed in CWP No. 15745-2024 and connected matter, decided on 19.07.2024 and *Jasjit Singh vs. Union of India and others* (CWP No. 21509-2023 and other connected matters), decided on 29.07.2024 .

3. Learned counsel appearing for Union of India has also not disputed the same.

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the



whole records of the case.

5. The petitioner has challenged the notice dated 10.04.2023 issued under Section 148 of the Act, 1961; order dated 10.04.2023 issued under Section 148 A(d) of the Act, 1961; notice dated 22.03.2023 issued under Section 148 A(b) of the Act, 1961; show cause notice cum draft assessment order dated 22.02.2025; rejection order dated 25.02.2025 and consequential actions, for AY 2016-2017, on the ground that the Issuing Authority had no jurisdiction to issue the same, in view of the circular/notification dated 29.03.2022 of the CBDT, wherein, it has been specifically enumerated that the NFAC has exclusive power to issue the notice under Section 148 of the Act, 1961.

6. A Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in ***Jatinder Singh Bhangu's case (supra)*** and ***Jasjit Singh's case (supra)***, allowed the writ petitions on the same issue, as raised in the present writ petition, by granting liberty to the revenue to follow the procedure as laid down under the Act, 1961 and proceed accordingly, if so advised.

7. In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of, in terms of ***Jatinder Singh Bhangu's case (supra)***, decided on 19.07.2024 and ***Jasjit Singh's case (supra)***, decided on 29.07.2024

8. All the pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

03.03.2025

Gaurav Arora

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No