



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-12917-2025 (*O&M*)
Date of Decision:-07.05.2025

Rajan Bhatia

....Petitioner

Vs.

C.B.D.T, North Block New Delhi & ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Shiv Kumar and Mr. J.S. Sekhon, Advocates
for the petitioner.

Mr. Varun Issar, Sr. Standing counsel with
Ms. Pridhi Sandhu, Jr. Standing counsel
for the respondents.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA, J.

1. Challenge in the present petition is to notice dated 09.03.2024 issued under Section 148 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (for short 'Act 1961'); assessment order dated 30.03.2025; show cause notice dated 20.03.2025 and all consequential actions, for AY 2020-2021.

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 09.03.2024 issued under Section 148 of the Act, 1961; assessment order dated 30.03.2025; show cause notice dated 20.03.2025 and all consequential actions, for AY 2020-2021 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.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

07.05.2025

Gaurav Arora

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