

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

(Sr. No. 135)

**CWP No.15829 of 2025
Date of decision: 28.05.2025**

Muninder Singh Randhawa

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present : Mr. Manpreet Kanda, Advocate for the petitioner.

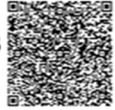
Mr. Yogesh Putney, Senior Standing Counsel
for the respondents-Income Tax Department.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) Challenge made through the instant petition is to the notice dated 27.03.2025 (Annexure P-2) issued to the petitioner by the respondents under Section 148 of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The primary ground of challenge raised by the petitioner is that the impugned notice has been issued by the Jurisdictional Assessing Officer which could not have been done because in terms of the notification dated 29.03.2022 (Annexure P-4), issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, the impugned notice could have been issued only by way of faceless assessment.

(2) In support of his afore submission, learned counsel for the petitioner places reliance on the following two judgments of this Court :-



- (i) CWP No.15745 of 2024 - Jatinder Singh Bhangu Vs. Union of India and others, decided on 19.07.2024.
- (ii) CWP No.21509 of 2023 - Jasjit Singh Vs. Union of India and others, decided on 29.07.2024.

(3) Learned counsel for the respondent does not dispute the fact that the case of the petitioner is covered in his favour by the law laid down through the aforesaid two judgments rendered by two different Co-ordinate Benches of this Court in *Jatinder Singh Bhangu's* and *Jasjit Singh's* cases (supra).

(4) In the light of the above, in terms of the law laid down in *Jatinder Singh Bhangu's* and *Jasjit Singh's* cases (supra), the impugned notice dated 27.03.2025 (Annexure P-2) issued by the Jurisdictional Assessing Officer, is hereby quashed with liberty to the respondent to proceed against the petitioner in accordance with law.

(5) The petition is allowed in the above terms.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

28.05.2025
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(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No