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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 1968 of 2022

Date of decision : April 18, 2026

Balbir Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Nikhil Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner
(Through Video Conferencing).

Ms. Urvashi Dhugga, Senior Standing Counsel,
for the respondent-Income Tax Department

DEEPAK SIBAL, J (Oral)

1. At the outset, learned counsel for the revenue concedes that in terms of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in *Union of India and others Vs. Ashish Agarwal (2023) 1 SCC 617* the impugned notice dated 31.03.2021, dispatched to the petitioner on or after 01.04.2021, for the respective assessment years, under Section 148 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (for short- the Act) be treated as notices under Section 148A(b) of the Act.

2. The above concession satisfies learned counsel for the petitioner. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-revenue to proceed from the stage of the

afore notices, in terms of the procedure laid down under Section 148A(b) of the Act.

3. Needless to add that in the course of the afore proceedings the petitioner shall be at liberty to raise all possible pleas/defences that may be available to it, in accordance with law.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

April 18, 2026
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(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No