

आयकर अपीलिय अधिकरण, 'सी' न्यायपीठ, चेन्नई
IN THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, 'C' BENCH, CHENNAI
श्री धुव्वुरु आर.एल रेड्डी, न्यायिक सदस्य एवं श्री एस जयरामन, लेखा सदस्य के समक्ष
BEFORE SHRI DUVVURU RL REDDY, JUDICIAL MEMBER AND
SHRI S. JAYARAMAN, ACCOUNTANT MEMBER

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1434/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The Income Tax Officer,
Ward 2(3),
Salem

Vs **M/s. S-1694 Satyamangalam PACCS Ltd.,**
Kullampatti, P.O.,
Salem – 636 103.

PAN: **AANAS2259K**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1999/CHNY/2016

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2010-11)

The Income Tax Officer,
Corporate Ward – 5(2),
Chennai.

Vs **M/s. Proactive Solutech (India) Pvt. Ltd.,**
5th Floor, Mookambika Complex,
4, Lady Desika Road, Mylapore,
Chennai – 600 004.

PAN: **AAACP9859K**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1517/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle – 5(2),
Chennai.

Vs **M/s. PDR Investments Pvt. Ltd.,**
No.432/609, Lakshmi Bhavan,
4th Floor, Mount Road,
Chennai – 600 006.

PAN: **AACCP1177A**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1718/CHNY/2015

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2011-12)

The ITO (Exemptions)
Ward- 2,
Chennai.Vs **M/s. Chennai Kammavar Trust,**
No.56, Gangadeeshwar Koil Street,
Purasawalkam, Chennai – 600 084.PAN: **AAATC0139Q**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri N. Arjun Raj, CA

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1561/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2014-15)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle – 1,
Coimbatore.Vs **M/s. Flow Link Systems P. Ltd.,**
189/1A,1B,1C, Uthupalayam, Arasur Village,
Palladam Taluk, Coimbatore – 641 407.PAN: **AAACF3239K**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.Nos.1037,1038, 1040 &1041/CHNY/2008

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Years: 2003-04 & 2004-05)

The ACIT,
Salary Circle – IV,
Chennai.Vs **Shri S. Govindarajan,**
No.842, Anna Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.PAN: **AAGPG1173L**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2740/CHNY/2017

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2008-09)

The ACIT,
Non-Corporate Circle – 10(1),
Coimbatore.Vs **Shri C. Ravindran,**
50, Taylors Road, Kilpauk,
Chennai – 600 010.PAN: **AAPPR9707E**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri R.S. Balaji, Advocate

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.299/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2013-14)

The ACIT,
Villupuram Circle,
Villupuram – 605 602.Vs **Shri P. Thiyagarajan,**
135, PJN Street,
Tindivanam, Villupuram – 604 001PAN: **AAAPT3456B**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1581/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2014-15)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle – 1(2),
Chennai.Vs **M/s. L&T BPP Tollway Ltd.,**
P.O.Box No.979,
Mount Poonamallee Road, Manapakkam,
Chennai – 600 089.PAN: **AACCL0234E**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1583/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The Income Tax Officer,
Corporate Ward - 1(1),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. 3T Properties Pvt. Ltd.,
Archana Apartment,
No.23, Sarangapani Street,
T.Nagar, Chennai – 600 017.**PAN: AAACZ3207B**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2885/CHNY/2016 &**C.O. No.189/Chny/2016**

(in ITA No. 2885/Chny/2016)

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2013-14)

The ACIT,
Circle – 1,
Erode.

Vs

M/s. NKCM Spinners Private Limited,
43, Alagirisingh Street,
Fort, Erode – 638 001.**PAN: AACCN7095D**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.277/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2003-04)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle - 1(2),
Chennai.

Vs

**M/s.Bhari Information Technology Systems
Pvt. Ltd.,**
No.3,4,&5, Buharia Tower, 2nd Floor,
Moores Road, Chennai – 600 006.**PAN: AAACB1449B**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1707/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2016-17)

The Income Tax Officer,
Corporate Ward 3(4),
Chennai.

Vs

**M/s.VGN Facility Management Services
Pvt. Ltd.,**
No.153, Wallace Garden, 2nd Street,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034.

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

PAN: **AACCH2948F**

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1715/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The ACIT,
Non-Corporate Ward 14(1),
Chennai.

Vs

Shri M. Ravikumar,
No.1, 3rd Main Road,
Jagannathapuram, Velachery,
Chennai – 600 042

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

PAN: **AAVPR6001P**

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.Nos.1818 & 1817/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2013-14)

The ITO,
Non-Corporate Ward 7(2),
Chennai.

Vs

Shri Jeyadoss Prabhu,
No.55, 1st Floor, Anna Nagar Plaza,
C-47, 2nd Avenue, Anna Nagar,
Chennai – 600 040.

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

PAN: **AFQPP4418J**

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2006/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2016-17)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle 6(1),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. Shriram Housing Finance Ltd,
No.4, Mookambika Complex,
Lady Desika Road, Mylapore,
Chennai – 600 004.PAN: **AAPCS3213D**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2002/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The Income Tax Officer,
Non-Corporate Ward - 10(5),
Chennai.

Vs

Smt. Sathyanarayanan Vijayalakshmi,
No.69, S-2, Akshaya Flats,
6th Main Road, Teachers Colony,
Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099.PAN: **AHYPS2042M**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2005/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2012-13)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle - 6(1),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. S.G.P. Exim Pvt. Ltd.,
No.68, Cathedral Road,
Gopalapuram, Chennai – 600 086.PAN: **AABCS0551Q**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri G. Baskar, Advocate

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2008/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle - 6(1),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. Shriram Insight Share Brokers Ltd.,
No.4, Mookambika Complex, Lady Desika
Road, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004.PAN: **AAACI2727H**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2059/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2013-14)

The ACIT,
Circle – 3(1),
Tiruchirappalli

Vs

M/s. Dr.A.G. Eye Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.,
No.70, Officers' Colony,
Puthur, Tiruchirappalli – 620 017.PAN: **AACCD8536B**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.Nos.703 & 704/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Years: 2013-14 & 2014-15)

The ITO(Exemptions),
Ward-1,
Chennai.

Vs

**M/s. TheSociety for Social Education and
Research,**
No.32, Casa Major Road, Egmore,
Chennai – 600 008.PAN: **AAAAS0149K**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.761/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The ACIT (OSD),
Corporate Ward – 1(2),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. Bhagya Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd.,
New No.25, Old No.25/1, West Jones Road,
West Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.PAN: **AACCB2820J**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri Y. Sridhar, Advocate

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2170/CHNY/2018

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2005-06)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle – 2(1),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s Empee Distilleries Ltd.,
'Empee Tower' No.59, Harris Road,
Pudupet, Chennai – 600 002.PAN: **AAACE1687N**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri N. Arjun Raj, CA

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2208/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2014-15)

The ACIT,
Non Corporate Circle – 1,
Chennai.

Vs

M/s Nalli Trust,
9, Nageswaran Road,
Chennai – 600 017.PAN: **AAATN0028K**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri N. Devanathan, Advocate

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.2211/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2011-12)

The Income Tax Officer,
Ward 1(1),
TrichyVs **Shri Natarajan Sekar,**
Ponnambala Patty Post, Vaiyampatty,
Via Manapparai, Trichy – 621 315.PAN: **BBSPS1627P**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.955/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2013-14)

The ACIT,
Circle – 1,
Thanjavur.Vs **Shri S.S. Kalairaja Chettiar,**
Legal Heir to Mrs. Balamani Achi (Late),
No.3324, Nithyakalyani Oil Mil & Ground Nut
Dealer,
Nanjikottai Road, Thanjavur – 613 006.PAN: **AGZPB0850E**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri S. Sridhar, Advocate

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.3385/CHNY/2018

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2012-13)

The Income Tax Officer,
Ward-2.
Kumbakonam.Vs **Shri P. Murali,**
S/o. Shri Pandian,
No.51, Subramaniapuram,
Mayiladuthurai – 609 001.PAN: **BQBPM8040C**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri Arjun Raj, CA

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1200/CHNY/2018

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2004-05)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle – 6(2),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. Suryodhaya Plastics Ltd.,
B-54A, SIPCOT Industrial Campus,
Thiruvallur – 601 201.PAN: **AAACS8820R**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1386/CHNY/2018

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2014-15)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle – 3(2),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. Virgo Properties Pvt. Ltd.,
No.5, Thirumurthy Road, T. Nagar,
Chennai – 600 017.PAN: **AABCV9182A**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri Arjun Raj, CA

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1291/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The Income Tax Officer,
Ward 2(1),
Salem.

Vs

M/s. S S-39, Gajjalnaickenpatty PACCS Ltd,
5/39, Gajjalnaickenpatty Post,
Salem – 636 201.PAN: **AAAJG0828Q**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: Shri S. Senthikumar, Advocate

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1292/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The Income Tax Officer,
Ward 2(4),
Salem

Vs

M/s. S 111 Vanavasi PACCS Ltd.,
Vanavasi PO, Mettur Tk,
Salem – 636 457.PAN: **AAEAS7545R**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1296/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2010-11)

The ACIT,
Corporate Circle 6(1),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. Seventh Sense Technologies P. Ltd.,
Ground Floor, No.62,
Abiramapuram 3rd Street, Chenani – 600 018.PAN: **AAFCS9146P**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

अपीलार्थी की ओर से/ Appellant by

: Shri R. Clement Ramesh Kumar, Addl.CIT

प्रत्यर्थी की ओर से/Respondent by

: None

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1307/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2015-16)

The DCIT,
Corporate Circle 1(2),
Chennai.

Vs

M/s. Cenosphere India Pvt. Ltd.,
181, 2nd Floor, Gimpex House,
Linghi Chetty Street, Chennai – 600 001.PAN: **AACCS2764E**

(अपीलार्थी/Appellant)

(प्रत्यर्थी/Respondent)

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: Shri D. Anand, Advocate

आयकर अपील सं./I.T.A.No.1203/CHNY/2019

(निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year: 2006-07)

The ACIT,
Corporate Circle -2,
Coimbatore.

Vs

M/s. K.P.R Mills Ltd.,
(formerly known as M/s. KPR Mill Pvt. Ltd.)
No.9, Gokul Building, AKS Nagar,
Thadagam Road, Coimbatore – 641 002.PAN: **AACCK0893N**

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सुनवाई की तारीख/Date of hearing

: 22.08.2019

घोषणा की तारीख /Date of Pronouncement

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आदेश / ORDER**PER BENCH :**

The above appeals and Cross Objections pertain to the appeals filed by various appellant Assessing Officers, call into question the correctness of the relief granted to the respondent assesseees by the Commissioners of Income Tax (Appeals) concerned and, most importantly, the tax effect involved in each of these appeals does not exceed Rs.50,00,000/-. The cross objections taken up for hearing are only such cross objections as emanate from these appeals and are broadly in support of the orders passed by the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals), concerned.

2. The CBDT in its circular No.17/2019 in F.No.279/Misc.142/2007-ITJ(Pt) dated 8th August, 2019, has further liberalized its policy for not filing appeals against the decisions of the appellate authorities in favour of the assessee, wherein tax involved is below certain threshold limits, and announced its policy decision not to file, or press, the appeals, before this Tribunal, against the appellate orders favourable to the assessee in the cases in which overall tax effect, excluding interest except when interest itself is in dispute, is Rs 50,00,000 or less.

3. The above circular, only enhances the monetary limits and gives further relaxation. The old circular, beyond any dispute or controversy, categorically applied to the pending appeals as on the date of issuance of circular.

4. Thus, the circular dated 8th August 2019 is not a standalone circular. It is to be read in conjunction with the CBDT circular No. 3/2018 (and subsequent amendment thereto), and all it does is to replace paragraph nos. 3 and 5 of the said circular. This is evident from the following extracts from the circular dated 8th August 2019:

“2. As a step towards further management of litigation. it has been decided by the Board that monetary limits for filing of appeals in income-tax cases be enhanced

further through amendment in Para 3 of the Circular mentioned above and accordingly, the table for monetary limits specified in Para 3 of the Circular shall read as follows:

S.No.	Appeals/SLPs in Income-tax matters	Monetary Limit (Rs.)
1	Before Appellate Tribunal	50,00,000
2	Before High Court	1,00,00,000
3	Before Supreme Court	2,00,00,000

3. Further, with a view to provide parity in filing of appeals in scenarios where separate order is passed by higher appellate authorities for each assessment year vis-a-vis where composite order for more than one assessment years is passed. para 5 of the circular is substituted by the following para:

“5. The Assessing Officer shall calculate the tax effect separately for every assessment year in respect of the disputed issues in the case of every assessee. If in the case of an assessee, the disputed issues arise in more than one assessment year, appeal can be filed in respect of such assessment year or years in which the tax effect in respect of the disputed issues exceeds the monetary limit specified in para 3. No appeal shall be filed in respect of an assessment year or years in which the tax effect is less than the monetary limit specified in para-3. Further, even in the case of composite order of any High Court or appellate authority which involves more than one assessment year and common issues in more than one assessment year no appeal shall be filed in respect of an assessment year or years in which the tax effect is less than the monetary limit specified in para 3. In case where a composite order/ judgement involves more than one assessee, each assessee shall be dealt with separately”

4. The said modifications shall come into effect from the date of issue of this Circular.”

5. Clearly, all other portions of the circular no. 3 of 2018 (supra) have remained intact. The portion which has remained intact includes paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular which is as follows:

“13. This Circular will apply to SLPs/ appeals/ cross objections/ references to be filed henceforth in SC/HCs/Tribunal and it shall also apply retrospectively to pending SLPs/ appeals/ cross objections/references. Pending appeals below the specified tax limits in para 3 above may be withdrawn/ not pressed.”

6. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of the Commissioner of Income Tax-5, New Delhi Vs. Keshav Power Ltd., in SLP No.21497/2019 dated 16.08.2019 reported in 2019(8)TMI 811(SC) has also applied the Circular No.17/2019 dated 08.08.2019 has dismissed the appeal holding as follows:

“Since the tax effect involved in the matter is less than Rs.2/- crores, going by the latest circular issued by the CBDT, we see no reason to interfere in this matter. The Special Leave Petition is dismissed, leaving all the questions of law open”.

7. In view of the above factual background and the concession given by the CBDT circular No.17/2019 dated 08.08.2019, all the above appeals must be dismissed as withdrawn and the related cross objections must be dismissed as infructuous.

8. The Learned Commissioner (DR) submitted that liberty may kindly be given to point out, upon necessary further verifications, and to seek recall the dismissal of appeals and restoration of the appeals in the cases (i) in which it can be demonstrated that the appeals are covered by the exceptions, and (ii) which are inadvertently included in

this bunch of appeals, wherein the tax effect, in terms of the CBDT circular (supra), exceeds Rs 50,00,000. None opposes this prayer; we accept the same. We make it clear that the respondent assessee shall also be at liberty to point out the cases which are wrongly included in the appeals so summarily dismissed, either owing to wrong computation of tax effect or owing to such cases being covered by the permissible exceptions- or for any other reason, and we will take appropriate remedial steps in this regard.

9. In the circumstances, respectfully following the principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Commissioner of Income Tax-5, New Delhi Vs. Keshav Power Ltd., referred to supra and in the light of the above discussions, all the above appeals filed by the Revenue are found to be non-maintainable, and the related cross-objections of the assessee arise only as a result of those appeals and merely in support the order of the CIT(A) concerned, therefore, the cross objections filed by the assessee are also dismissed as infructuous.

10. In the result, all the above appeals of the Revenue are dismissed as withdrawn as well as the Cross-objection of the above assessee is dismissed as infructuous.

Order pronounced in the open court on the 22nd August, 2019 at Chennai.

Sd/-

(धुव्वुरु आर एल रेड्डी)
(Duvvuru R.L Reddy)

न्यायिक सदस्य/Judicial Member

Sd/-

(एस जयरामन)
(S. Jayaraman)

लेखा सदस्य /Accountant Member

चेन्नई/Chennai,

दिनांक/Dated 22nd August, 2019

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