



IN THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
"SMC-III" BENCH, MUMBAI

BEFORE SHRI SAKTIJIT DEY, JUDICIAL MEMBER

ITA no.1871/Mum./2019
(Assessment Year : 2009-10)

Income Tax Officer
Ward-27(1)(4), Mumbai

..... Appellant

v/s

Shri Devendra Singh Bamrah
A-25/A, Ghatkopar Indl. Estate
LBS Marg, Ghatkopar (West)
Mumbai 400 086 AADPB8365N

..... Respondent

Revenue by : Shri Avaneesh Tiwari
Assessee by : None

Date of Hearing - 10.06.2020

Date of Order - 17.06.2020

ORDER

2. The captioned appeal has been filed by the Revenue challenging the order dated 27th December 2018, passed by the learned Commissioner OF Income Tax (Appeals)-24, Mumbai, pertaining to the assessment year 2009-10.

3. When the case was called for hearing, none appeared on behalf of the respondent assessee. Therefore, I proceed to dispose off the appeal ex-parte qua the assessee after hearing the learned Departmental Representative and on the basis of material on record.

4. The solitary issue of challenge in the present appeal is the partial relief granted by the learned Commissioner (Appeals) in the matter of addition made on account of non-genuine purchases.

5. Brief facts are, the assessee, an individual, is carrying on the business of manufacturing of lift cages, elevators and its components. For the assessment year under dispute, the assessee filed his return of income in the regular course on 29th September 2009, declaring total income of ₹ 4,21,830. Subsequently, on the basis of information received from the Sales Tax Department through Investigation Wing of the Department indicating that the assessee is a beneficiary of accommodation entries provided by hawala operators by way of bogus purchase bills, the Assessing Officer re-opened the assessment under section 147 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (for short "*the Act*"). During the assessment proceedings, the Assessing Officer called upon the assessee to prove the genuineness of purchases worth ₹7,90,803, claimed to have been made during the year from two parties. Further, to independently verify the genuineness of such purchases, the Assessing Officer issued notices under section 133(6) of the Act to the selling dealers calling for certain information. However, all such notices returned back unserved. Even, the Assessing Officer was not satisfied with the evidences furnished by the assessee to establish the

genuineness of purchases. Thus, ultimately, the Assessing Officer treated the purchases worth ₹7,90,803, as non-genuine and added back to the income of the assessee. Being aggrieved with such addition, the assessee preferred appeal before the first appellate authority.

6. After considering the submissions of the assessee in the context of facts and material on record, learned Commissioner (Appeals) restricted the disallowance made by the Assessing Officer to 12.5% of the alleged non-genuine purchases.

7. Before me, the learned Departmental Representative strongly relied upon the observations of the Assessing Officer and submitted that the assessee having failed to prove the genuineness of purchases, the entire amount representing such purchases has to be added.

8. Having considered the submissions of the learned Departmental Representative, I find that though the assessee may not have been able to prove the genuineness of purchases from the declared source, however, it is a fact on record that the Assessing Officer has not disputed the consumption of material or sales effected by the assessee. Therefore, it goes to prove that the assessee must have purchased goods from some other undisclosed source. In such

circumstances, as observe by the learned Commissioner (Appeals), not only different High Courts even different Benches of the Tribunal has held that the entire purchases cannot be disallowed, but only the profit element embedded in such purchases can be considered for addition. Therefore, keeping in view the decision of the Tribunal in identical nature of cases, I am of the view that the decision of learned Commissioner (Appeals) to restrict the disallowance to 12.5% of the non-genuine purchase is fair and reasonable requiring no interference from this forum. Accordingly, I uphold the order of learned Commissioner (Appeals) by dismissing the grounds raised by the Revenue.

9. In the result, Revenue's appeal stands dismissed.

Order pronounced through circulation in notice board under rule 34(4) of the Income Tax (Appellate Tribunal) Rules, 1963.

**Sd/-
SAKTIJIT DEY
JUDICIAL MEMBER**

MUMBAI, DATED: 17.06.2020

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Pradeep J. Chowdhury
Sr. Private Secretary

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