

IN THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
PUNE BENCH "B", PUNE

BEFORE SHRI R.S. SYAL, VICE PRESIDENT AND
SHRI S.S. VISWANETHRA RAVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER

ITA No. 1589/PUN/2019

निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year : 2013-14

Poonawalla Finance Pvt. Ltd., (earlier known as Adar Poonawalla Finvest Pvt. Ltd., 16-B/1, Sarosh Bhavan, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Pune – 411 001 Maharashtra PAN : AA ACT6844J	Vs.	DCIT, Central Circle-1(1), Pune
Appellant		Respondent

Assessee by Shri R.S. Abhyankar
Revenue by Shri M.G. Jasnani

Date of hearing 23-05-2022
Date of pronouncement 23-05-2022

आदेश / ORDER

PER R.S. SYAL, VP :

This appeal by the assessee arises out of the order dated 08-08-2019 passed by the CIT(A)-11, Pune in relation to the assessment year 2013-14.

2. The only issue raised in this appeal is against the disallowance u/s.14A of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter also called 'the Act').

3. Briefly stated, the facts of the case are that the assessee earned exempt - dividend and long term capital gain - to the tune of Rs.89.02 lakh. A sum of Rs.29,536/- was shown as attributable to the exempt income and hence disallowable. The Assessing Officer (AO) revised the disallowance u/s.14A, as per the mandate of Rule 8D at ½% of average value of investments, at Rs.10,92,545/-. The Id. CIT(A) affirmed the addition.

4. We have heard the rival submissions and gone through the relevant material on record. The only issue pressed is about restricting the addition under Rule 8D of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 by considering only such investments which yielded tax free dividend income. Other grounds challenging the improper satisfaction by the AO before making the disallowance etc. were not pressed. Such other grounds, ergo, stand dismissed.

5. Now coming to the issue pressed before the Tribunal, it is seen that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in *ACB India Ltd. vs. CIT (2015) 374 ITR 108 (Del)* has held that the average value of investments, for the purposes of Rule 8D(2)(iii), should be confined to those securities in respect of which exempt income is earned and not the total investments. Similar view has been taken

by the Special Bench of the Tribunal in the case of *ACIT vs. Vireet Investments (P) Ltd. (2017) 165 ITD 27 (Del) (SB)*. In view of the afore referred precedents, we set aside the impugned order to this extent and remit the matter to the file of the AO for re-computing the disallowance under Rule 8D(2)(iii) by considering only such investments, in calculating the average value of investments, which yielded exempt income during the year. The assessee will be allowed hearing opportunity in such fresh proceedings.

6. In the result, the appeal is partly allowed for statistical purposes.

Order pronounced in the Open Court on 23rd May, 2022.

Sd/-
(S.S. VISWANETHRA RAVI)
JUDICIAL MEMBER

Sd/-
(R.S.SYAL)
VICE PRESIDENT

पुणे Pune; दिनांक Dated : 23rd May, 2022
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