

आयकर अपीलीय अधिकरण "बी" न्यायपीठ पुणे में ।
IN THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL "B" BENCH, PUNE

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

आयकर अपील सं. / ITA No.444/PUN/2020
निर्धारण वर्ष / Assessment Year : 2014-15

Santosh Kaspate,
Panchwati Niwas,
Kaspate Vasti, Wakad,
Pune – 411027

PAN : ACYPK3347C

.....अपीलार्थी / Appellant

बनाम / V/s.

Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax,
Circle – 8, Pune

.....प्रत्यर्थी / Respondent

Assessee by : N O N E
Revenue by : Shri M.G. Jasnani

सुनवाई की तारीख / Date of Hearing : 10-06-2022
घोषणा की तारीख / Date of Pronouncement : 13-06-2022

आदेश / ORDER

PER S.S. VISWANETHRA RAVI, JM :

This appeal by the assessee against the order dated 13-02-2020 passed by the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)-13, Pune [‘CIT(A)'] for assessment year 2014-15.

2. We note that this appeal was filed with a delay of 78 days. After hearing ld. DR, we find that the reasons stated by the assessee are bonafide which really prevented the assessee to file the present appeal in time. Therefore, the delay of 78 days are condoned.

3. At the time of hearing there was no appearance from the assessee nor through her representative and we observe that the order passed by the CIT(A) is an ex-parte order and liabilities of the assessee were not adjudicated upon. The ld. CIT(A) dismissed the appeal of the assessee on the ground of non-prosecution. We proceed with the case after hearing the submissions of ld. DR wherein it is evident that neither the assessee nor its authorized representative attended and filed the details evidences in support of appeal on merits. Therefore, the ld. DR vehemently opposed the prayer of providing any further opportunity to the assessee for representing his case on merits before the First Appellate Authority.

4. We have perused the case records and heard the ld. DR. We find that the ld. CIT(A) dismissed the appeal of the assessee on the ground of non prosecution. It is, therefore, clear that rights and liabilities of the parties were not adjudicated upon on merits and we are of the considered view that one final opportunity needs to be given to the assessee to represent his case on merits so that justice can be delivered.

5. In view of the matter, we set aside the order of ld. CIT(A) and restore the matter back to his file for fresh adjudication after providing sufficient opportunity of hearing to the assessee. At the same time, we direct the

assessee to present himself before the Id. CIT(A) with relevant documentary evidences to represent his case on merits. Any service of notice is dispensable.

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

Order pronounced in the open court on 13th June, 2022.

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

Sd/-
(S.S. Viswanethra Ravi)
JUDICIAL MEMBER

पुणे / Pune; दिनांक / Dated : 13th June, 2022.
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आदेश की प्रतिलिपि अग्रेषित / Copy of the Order forwarded to :

1. अपीलार्थी / The Appellant.
2. प्रत्यर्थी / The Respondent.
3. The CIT(A)-13, Pune
4. The Pr. CIT-5, Pune
5. विभागीय प्रतिनिधि, आयकर अपीलीय अधिकरण, "बी" बेंच,
पुणे / DR, ITAT, "B" Bench, Pune.
6. गार्ड फ़ाइल / Guard File.

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आदेशानुसार / BY ORDER,

वरिष्ठ निजी सचिव / Sr. Private Secretary
आयकर अपीलीय अधिकरण, पुणे / ITAT, Pune