

IN THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
NAGPUR “SMC” BENCH :NAGPUR [VIRTUAL HEARING]
BEFORE SHRI SATBEER SINGH GODARA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

I.T.A.No.61/NAG./2023
Assessment Year 2014-2015

Rekha Vijay Ugale, SBI Road, Gandhi Chowk, Dhamangao Railway, AMRAVATI – 444 709. Maharashtra PAN ADQPU1058D	vs.	The Income Tax Officer, Ward-5, Aaykar Bhavan, Ambapeth, AMRAVATI. PIN - 444 602. Maharashtra.
(Appellant)		(Respondent)

For Assessee :	Shri Naresh Jakhotai
For Revenue :	Shri Abhay Y. Marathe, Sr. DR

Date of Hearing :	22.03.2024
Date of Pronouncement :	22.04.2024

ORDER

This assessee’s appeal for assessment year 2014-15, arises against the National Faceless Appeal Centre [in short the “NFAC”] Delhi’s Din and Order No. ITBA/NFAC/S/250/2021-22/1042154934(1), dated 30.03.2022, involving proceedings u/s. 144 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (in short “the Act”).

Heard both the parties. Case file perused.

2. It emerges during the course of hearing that the NFAC has noted the assessee’s continuous non-appearance in the lower appellate proceedings before rejecting the assessee’s contentions vide impugned order under challenge. Mr. Marathe could hardly dispute the clinching fact that the NFAC’s order has nowhere decided the assessee’s substantive grounds on merits as contemplated u/sec.250(6) of the Act requiring it to give points for

determination followed by a detailed adjudication thereof. Faced with the situation, I deem it appropriate in the larger interest of justice to restore the assessee's instant appeal back to the NFAC for its afresh adjudication, preferably within three effective opportunities of hearing, subject to the rider that it shall be the taxpayer's onus and responsibility only to file and prove all the relevant facts in consequential proceedings. Ordered accordingly.

3. Delay of 283 days in filing the instant appeal is condoned as per assessee's solemn averments in light of Collector, Land Acquisition vs., MST Katiji [1987] 167 ITR 471 (SC) having settled the law long back that all such technical aspects must make a way for the cause of substantial justice.

4. This assessee's appeal is allowed for statistical purposes in above terms.

Order pronounced in the open Court on 22.04.2024.

[SATBEER SINGH GODARA]
JUDICIAL MEMBER

Pune, Dated 22nd April, 2024

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2.	The respondent
3.	The Pr. CIT, Nagpur concerned
4.	D.R. ITAT, "SMC" Bench, Nagpur.
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