

**IN THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
COCHIN BENCH, COCHIN**

**Before Shri Satbeer Singh Godara, Judicial Member &
Shri Amarjit Singh, Accountant Member**

ITA No.801/Coch/2023 : Asst.Year 2020-2021

Nedumkunnam Service Co-operative Bank Ltd. No.1301 Nedumkunnam PO, Karukachal Kottayam – 686542. PAN : AADAN0369B.	v.	The Income Tax Officer Ward 2 Thiruvalla.
(Appellant)		(Respondent)

Appellant by : Sri.P.Anil, CA
Respondent by : Smt.V.Swarnalatha, Sr.DR

Date of Hearing : 14.08.2024	Date of Pronouncement : 23.10.2024
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ORDER

Per Bench :

This assessee's appeal in ITA No.801/Coch/2023 for assessment year 2020-2021 arises out of the order of the Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals) / NFAC vide DIN & Order No.ITBA/NFAC/S/250/2023-24/1057088365(1) dated 16.10.2023 in proceedings u/s.143(3) of the Income-tax Act, 1961; in short "the Act" hereinafter.

Heard both the parties. Case file perused.

2. It emerges at the outset that the assessee's appeal raises its identical sole substantive ground claiming sec.80P deduction claim involving various interest income from deposits made in co-operative bank(s) disallowed in both the lower proceedings. Learned Sr.DR vehemently argued that in

the light of Totagar's Co-operative Sale Society Ltd. v. ITO reported in (2010) 322 ITR 283 (SC) and Pr.CIT & Anr. v. Totagars Co-operative Sale Society reported in (2017) 395 ITR 611 (Kar.), such an interest income has to be treated as income from "other" sources only. We note that the hon'ble jurisdictional high court in Pr.CIT v. Peroorkada SCB Ltd. [2022] 442 ITR 141 (Ker) has already decided the instant issue in assessee's favour and against the Revenue, as under:-

"12.2 Section 80P deals with Co-operative Societies' computation of income. As already noted, it has four sections and several sub-sections and clauses. The Parliament has considered the various situations in which the exigible income and the deductible income of the assessee is considered while computing the income of the assessee. For getting deduction, in our considered view, the assessee must also establish that the interest income earned by the assessee is from a Co-operative Society. As a matter of fact, in the case on hand, there is no dispute that it is not from a Co-operative Society registered under Kerala Co-operative Societies Act. The interest income earned from District Co-operative Bank/State Co-operative Bank, in the facts and circumstances of the case, do come within Section 80P(2)(d). Therefore, the income constitutes income from other sources and the only eligible deduction is covered by Section 80P(2)(d) viz. Interest or dividend derived by the assessee from its investments with any other Co-operative Society. The source of interest income is from Bank and Treasury, interest income received from Treasury be included in the computation of total income of the assessee. In other words, interest earned from Treasury is inadmissible for deduction and interest income from Co-operative Societies registered under the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act are eligible for deduction. The contra consideration of Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals) and the Tribunal is incorrect and liable to be modified as stated above. Hence, it is held that the interest income earned by the assessee does not come within the ambit of Section 80P(2)(a)(i) and permissible deduction of interest income is limited to Co-operative

Societies/Banks registered under Kerala Co-operative Societies Act under clause (d) of the Act and effect order on the above lines is made by the Assessing Officer. The questions are accordingly answered.”

3. We adopt the foregoing detailed discussion mutatis mutandis to accept the assessee's instant identical sole substantive ground of sec.80P deduction. Necessary computation shall follow as per law in very terms. Accordingly, assessee's appeal ITA No.801/Coch/2023 is allowed.

Order pronounced in the open court on this 23rd day of October, 2024.

Sd/-
(Amarjit Singh)
ACCOUNTANT MEMBER

Sd/-
(Satbeer Singh Godara)
JUDICIAL MEMBER

Cochin ; Dated : 23rd October, 2024.
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