

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

**BEFORE : SHRI SATBEER SINGH GODARA, JUDICIAL MEMBER
AND
SHRI MANOJ KUMAR AGGARWAL, ACCOUNTANT MEMBER**

ITA No.443/Agr/2018
Assessment Year: 2006-07

Shri Mahendra Pratap Singh, 19, Tej Nagar, Maholi Road, Mathura.	Vs.	Income-tax Officer, Ward 3(2), Mathura.
PAN : BAQPS2504C		
(Appellant)		(Respondent)

Assessee by	Sh. Anurag Sinha, Advocate
Department by	Sh. Shailender Shrivastava, Sr. DR

Date of hearing	13.02.2025
Date of pronouncement	13.02.2025

ORDER

Per Satbeer Singh Godara, Judicial Member:

This assessee's appeal for assessment year 2006-07, arises against the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)-1 [in short the "CIT(A)], Agra's order in appeal No. 02/CIT(A)-I/Agra/ITO-3(2)/Mathura/2014-15 dated 27.03.2018, involving proceedings under section 147 r.w.s. 144 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act').

2. Heard both the parties at length. Case file perused.

3. It emerges during the course of hearing that there arises the first and foremost issue of validity of the reopening itself for want of a valid approval by the learned prescribed authority u/s. 151 of the Act.

4. Our attention is invited to page 32 of the assessee's paper book wherein the learned prescribed authority had accepted the Assessing Officer's reopening proposal as "Yes, I am satisfied". This being the clinching factual position emanating from the case file, we hereby quote CIT vs. S. Goyanka Lime and Chemical Ltd. (2023) 453 ITR 242 that such a mechanical approval vitiates the entire reopening; and therefore, we accept the instant legal ground in very terms.

5. All other pleadings on merits stand rendered academic.

6. This assessee's appeal is allowed.

Order pronounced in the open court on 13TH February, 2025.

**Sd/-
(MANOJ KUMAR AGGARWAL)
ACCOUNTANT MEMBER**

**Sd/-
(SATBEER SINGH GODARA)
JUDICIAL MEMBER**

Dated: 13TH February, 2025.

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1. Appellant
2. Respondent
3. CIT
4. CIT(A)
5. DR

Asst. Registrar, ITAT, Agra