

**IN THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
DELHI BENCH 'SMC', NEW DELHI**

Before Sh. Satbeer Singh Godara, Judicial Member

ITA No. 5962/Del/2024 : Asstt. Year : 2013-14

Ish Kumar Arora, 5N, 11A, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 (APPELLANT)	Vs	Income Tax Officer, Ward-1(3), Faridabad (RESPONDENT)
PAN No. AFSPA5684D		

Assessee by: None

Revenue by : Sh. Manoj Kumar, Sr. DR

Date of Hearing: 29.05.2025

Date of Pronouncement: 29.05.2025

ORDER

This assessee's appeal for Assessment Year 2013-14, arises against the CIT(A)/NFAC, Delhi's DIN & order No. ITBA/NFAC/S/250/2024-25/1069876975(1) dated 23.10.2024, in proceedings u/s 147 r.w.s. 144 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (in short "the Act").

2. Case called twice. None appears at the assessee's behest. He is accordingly proceeded *ex-parte*.

3. It emerges at the outset during the course of hearing that the learned CIT(A)/NFAC's detailed discussion has proceeded *ex-parte* against the assessee thereby affirming the Assessing Officer's action making the corresponding disallowances/additions herein. Nor do I find any substantive lower appellate adjudication as contemplated u/s 250(6) of the

Act requiring the CIT(A)/NFAC to first frame points of determination followed by a detailed discussion thereupon.

4. Mr. Manoj Kumar vehemently argues during the course of hearing in support of CIT(A)'s finding that the assessee had not filed any explanation or evidence supporting its case and therefore, his instant appeal deserves to be dismissed.

5. I have given our thoughtful consideration to the foregoing rival stand and are of the considered view that since the CIT(A)/NFAC has proceeded *ex-parte* against the assessee, possibility of some communication gaps between the taxpayer and the arguing counsel involving the newly introduced system of faceless hearings, could not be altogether ruled out.

6. Faced with this situation, in the larger interest of justice, I deem it appropriate to restore the assessee's instant appeal back to the CIT(A)/NFAC for its afresh appropriate adjudication, within three effective opportunities subject to a rider that the taxpayer shall plead and prove the case at his own risk and responsibility, in consequential proceedings. Ordered accordingly.

7. This assessee's appeal is allowed for statistical purposes.

Order Pronounced in the Open Court on 29/05/2025.

Sd/-
(Satbeer Singh Godara)
Judicial Member

Dated: 29/05/2025

Subodh Kumar, Sr. PS

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5. DR: ITAT

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