

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

BEFORE SHRI SATBEER SINGH GODARA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

ITA No.8552/Del/2025
Assessment Year: 2018-19

Sh. Bajrang Kumar Aggarwal, B-82, Vishwaspur, Nagar, New Delhi	Vs.	Income Tax Officer, Ward-72(1), Delhi
PAN: AJMPA4878K		
(Appellant)		(Respondent)

Assessee by	Sh. Ujjwal Jain, Adv.
Department by	Sh. Manoj Kumar, Sr. DR

Date of hearing	21.01.2026
Date of pronouncement	21.01.2026

ORDER

This assessee's appeal for assessment year 2018-19, arises against the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)/National Faceless Appeal Centre [in short, the "CIT(A)/NFAC"], Delhi's DIN and order no. ITBA/NFAC/S/250/2025-26/1081919714(1), dated 22.10.2025 involving proceedings under section 147 r.w.s. 144 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act').

Heard both the parties. Case file perused.

2. It emerges during the course of hearing that the assessee presses for his sole substantive ground on merits challenging both the learned lower authorities' action treating his purchases of

Rs.26,87,500/- in AY 2018-19, sourced from the entity M/s. Swastik Enterprises as bogus/unexplained ones under section 69C of the Act, in assessment order dated 18.03.2024, and upheld in the lower appellate discussion.

3. That being the case, both the parties vehemently reiterate their respective stands against and in support of the impugned bogus purchases disallowance. I wish to make it clear that there is no dispute in principle that the assessee is engaged in the business of mild steel scrap all along wherein possibility of assessee sourcing its purchases from unregistered dealers *per se* could not be altogether ruled out as well. And that his corresponding sales have nowhere been questioned in both the lower proceedings. Various recent judicial precedents (2025) 173 taxmann.com 592 (Guj.) Ravjibhai Becharbhai Dhamelia vs. ACIT; (2024) 160 taxmann.com 110 (Bom) PCIT Vs. Hitesh Mody (HUF), (2024) 160 taxmann.com 93 (Del) PCIT Vs. Forum Sales (P) Ltd.; (2025) 172 taxmann.com 283 (Bom) PCIT Vs. Kanak Impex (India) Ltd; (2025) 178 taxmann.com 424 (Del. – Trib.) DCIT Vs. Kohinoor Foods Ltd.; and (2025) 177 taxmann.com 836 (Delhi-trib.) DCIT Vs. Tirupati

Matsup (P.) Ltd. have recently decided the instant issue of bogus purchases with divergent views as well.

4. Faced with these peculiar facts, it is thus deemed appropriate in the larger interest of justice that a *lumpsum* disallowance @ 6% of the assessee's alleged bogus purchases amounting to Rs.26,87,500/-, would be just and proper with a rider that the same shall not be treated as a precedent. The assessee's book entries are hereby rejected to the very extent. Necessary computation shall follow as per law.

No other ground or argument has been pressed.

5. This assessee's appeal is partly allowed in above terms.

Order pronounced in the open court on 21st January, 2026

Sd/-
(SATBEER SINGH GODARA)
JUDICIAL MEMBER

Dated: 30th January, 2026.

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