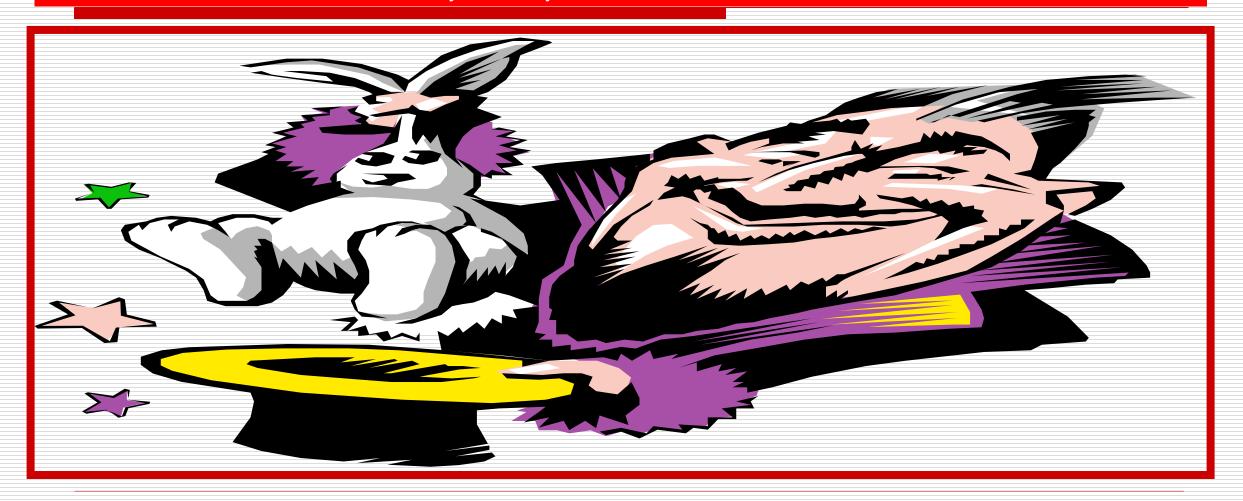
New claims, taking of additional grounds & production of evidences before Appellate Authority undet IT Act, 1961

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What is Assessment Procedure?

- Every Person, who is earning, which is chargeable to tax, has to furnish his return of income to the Income Tax Department. ... The process of examination of the return by the Income Tax Department.
- Is called "Assessment"
- Assessment simply means determination of Tax
- It is Procedure for determining of Tax Liability and Recovery of Tax
- This is determined as per Taxation law existing in that particular Assessment Year



How Much did you earn?



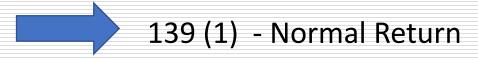
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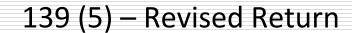
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Various Sections under which ITR is filled





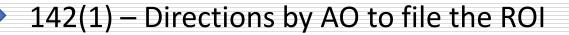


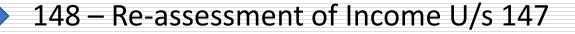


Rectification of Defect in Return-U/S 139(9)

JAX RETURN

FILING





153 A/C – Block Assessment in case of Action U/s 132 – Now covered under

Reassessment u/s 147

Who can file return of income

- □ Section 139(1) requires that every person,—
- being a company or a firm; or
- being a person other than a company or a firm, if (i) his total income or (ii) the total income of any other person in respect of which he is assessable under the Income-tax Act, during the previous year, exceeded the maximum amount which is not chargeable to income-tax.

shall, furnish a return of his income or the income of such other person.

Who can file return of Income

Section	Different Situations
139(1)(a)	A company/firm is required to submit its return of income (regardless of the quantum of income or loss).
139(1)(b)	A person (other than an individual/ HUF/company/firm) is required to submit his/its return of income, if income exceeds exemption limit.
139(1)(b), read with fifth proviso	Individual/HUF is required to submit his/its return of income, if income [without claiming deduction under sections 10A, 10B, 10BA, 80C to 80U and under section 10(38)] exceeds the amount of exemption limitt.

Who can file return of Income

Section	Different Situations		
139(4A)	A person in receipt of income derived from property held under a trust for charitable or religious purposes is required to submit return of income if its income (without giving exemption under section 11 or 12) exceeds exemption Limit.		
139(4B)	Chief executive officer of every political party is required to submit income-tax return if income of the political party (without giving exemption under section 13A) exceeds exemption limit.		
139(4C)	If total income (without claiming any exemption given below) of the assessee (who is qualified to claim exemption under section 10 / 23) exceeds the exemption limit -		
139(4D)	Any university/college/other institution referred to in section 35(1)(ii)/ (iii) is required to submit return of income (return has to be submitted whether there is income or loss. Such return has to be submitted even if it is not required by any other provision)		
139(4E)/(4F)	These sub-sections cover submission of return by business trust/investment fund.		

Sources of Income in case Company

Meaning of "beneficial owner" and "beneficiary" in respect of an asset for the purpose of section 139:

Beneficial Owner

An individual who has provided, directly or indirectly, consideration for the asset for the immediate or future benefit, direct or indirect, of himself or any other person.

Beneficiary

An individual who derives benefit from the asset during the previous year and the consideration for such asset has been provided by any person, other than such beneficiary.

Requirement of filing of return of income as per the fourth and fifth proviso to section 139(1) A resident other than not ordinarily resident within the meaning of section $\theta(\theta)$ Who is not required to furnish a return of income u/s 139/(1) AND Who at any time during the P.Y. is a beneficiary of any asset (including financial interest in has a signing authority beneficial holds. as any entity) located outside in any account located OR otherwise. owner or India outside India any asset (including financial interest in any entity) located outside However, where any income arising from such asset is includible in the hands of the person specified in (A) in accordance with the provisions of the Act, an individual, being a beneficiary of such asset, is not required to file return of income.

Mandatory Filing of return – 139(4C)

	Institution/Association etc.	Applicable section
(a)	Research association	10(21)
(b)	News agency	10(22B)
(c)	Association or institution	10(23A)
(d)	Fund for the welfare of employees or their dependents	10(23AAA)
(e)	Institution	10(23B)
(f)	Fund or institution	10(23C)(iv)
(g)	Trust or institution	10(23C)(v)
(h)	University or other educational institution	10(23C)(vi)/(iiiad)
(i)	Hospital or other medical institution	10(23C)(via)/(iiiae)
(i)	Mutual Fund	10(23D)
(k)	Securitisation Trust	10(23DA)
(I)	Investor Protection Fund	10(23EC)/(ED)
(m)	Core Settlement Guarantee Fund	10(23EE)
(n)	Venture Capital Company/Venture Capital Fund	10(23FB)
(o)	Trade Union	10(24)(b)
(p)	Board or Authority as referred	10(29A)
(q)	Body or Authority or Board or Trust	10(46)
(r)	Infrastructure Debt Fund	10(47)

Mandatory filing of return in certain cases

With effect from Assessment Year 2020-21,

- ☐ Every person, who is not required to furnish return of income under any other provision of section 139(1), to file return of income if during the previous year he:
- □ 1. Has deposited an amount (or aggregate of amount) in excess of Rs. 1 crore in one or more current account maintained with a bank or a co-operative bank.
- 2. Has incurred aggregate expenditure in excess of Rs. 2 lakh for himself or any other person for travel to a foreign country.
- ☐ 3. Has incurred aggregate expenditure in excess of Rs. 1 lakh towards payment of electricity bill.
- 4. Fulfils such other conditions as may be prescribed.

ITR Forms	Subject			
IT.R-1 (i.e, SAHAJ)	For an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident (total income does not exceed Rs. 50 lakh) having income from salary/one house property (not being brought forward loss or loss to be carried forward)/income from other sources (not being loss and not being winning from lettery/income from race horses)			
ITR-2	For an individual/HUF where the total income does not include income under the head business or profession			
ITR-3	For an mdividual/HUF having income under the head business or profession			
ITR-4 -	For an individual/HUF/firm (other than LLP) deriving business income and such income is			
SUGAM	cornputed in accordance with special provisions referred to in section 44AD, 44ADA or 44AE			
ITR-5	For firms, AOPs and BOIs or any other person (not being individual or HUF or company or to whom ITR-7 is applicable)			
ITR-6	For companies other than companies claiming exemption under section 11			
ITR-7	For persons including companies required to furnish return under section 139(4A)/(4B)/(4C)/(4D)			
ITR-V	Where the data of the return of income in Forms ITR-1, ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-4 and ITR-5 transmitted electronically without digital signature			

Revised Return of Income – 139(5) / Defective Return – 139(9)

- ☐ If an assessee discovers any omission or wrong statement (bonafide in nature) in the return filed, he can revise his return Time limit: Assessee may file the revised return -
 - before the end of December of the relevant assessment year; or • before completion of regular assessment, whichever is earlier.
- (a) Replacement of original return: Once a revised return is filed, it replaces the earlier return.
- b) Revision of revised return: A revised return can be revised
- (c) Revision of belated return: A belated return u/s 139(4) can be revised.
- (d) Revision of loss return: A loss return can be revised
- (e) Return filed pursuant to notice u/s 142(1) cannot be revised.

- When a return is termed defective U/S 139(9)
- The return is furnished without paying selfassessment tax along with interest, if any.
- The annexure, statements and columns in the return of income have been duly filled in.
- The return is accompanied by the different documents

UP DATED RETURN U/S 139(8A) - Finance bill 2022

- voluntary disclosure of income if any that may have escaped in the regular return, or the assessee could not file its regular return till 31st Dec.
- updated return can be filed by the assessee within two years from the end of the relevant assessment year with the payment of additional taxes (including normal taxes).
- Additional tax means the top-up tax @ 25% or 50% of tax including interest, surcharge, and cess payable in the updated return.
- 25% is applicable once an updated return is filed before 12 months from the end of the relevant assessment year else it would be 50%.

UP DATED RETURN U/S 139(8A) - Finance bill 2022

- Updated return cannot be filed in the following cases
- □ 1. If it is a return of loss or has the effect of decreasing the tax liability or increasing the refund.
- 2. a search has been initiated u/s 132 or books of account or other documents or any assets are requisitioned u/s 132A in case of such person.

- □ 3. a survey has been conducted u/s 133A, other than subsection (2A).
- □ 4. a notice has been issued to the effect that any money, bullion, jewellery, or valuable article or thing, seized or requisitioned under section 132 or section 132A in the case of any other person belongs to such person.

UP DATED RETURN U/S 139(8A) – Finance bill 2022

Updated return cannot be filed in the following cases

- □ 5. a notice has been issued to the effect that any books of account or documents, seized or requisitioned under section 132 or section 132A in the case of any other person, pertain or pertains to, or any other information contained therein, related to, such person,
- ☐ 6. an updated return has been furnished by him under this sub-section for the relevant assessment. Report this ad
 - 7. any proceeding for assessment or reassessment or recomputation or revision of income under this Act is pending or has been completed for the relevant assessment year in his case.

UP DATED RETURN U/S 139(8A) - Finance bill 2022

Updated return cannot be filed in the following cases

□ 8. AO has information for such person under PMLA Act, Black Money Act, Benami, SFEM Act prior to furnishing return under this act.

- □ 9. information for the relevant assessment year has been received under an agreement referred to in section 90 or section 90A in respect of such a person.
- □ 10. any prosecution proceedings under the Chapter XXII have been initiated for the relevant assessment year.

UP DATED RETURN U/S 139(8A) - Finance bill 2022

☐ For points, 2 to 5 updated returns can not be filed for the assessment year relevant to the previous year in which such search initiated or survey conducted, or requisition made and two assessment years preceding such assessment year

- ☐ Interest payable u/s 234A, 234B, and 234C will be calculated on the amount of tax on the total income as declared in the updated return.
- As the interest u/s, 234A and 234B is paid on assessed tax, that may include the additional tax, therefore it has been provided that for calculation of interest payable u/s 234A and 234B, additional income tax (25% or 50% as the case may be) shall not be considered



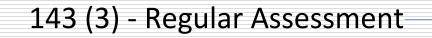
Assessee / Tax Payer



Various Sections of Assessment under Income Tax Act

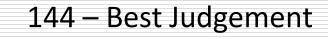


143 (1)- Summary Assessment



→ Limited Scrutiny

Complete Scrutiny



147 - Re- Assessment

153 (A)/(C) Block Assessment -Reassessment u/s 147

Procedure for Assessment Proceedings under section 143(3)

Section 133 - Power of AO to call information from any person for completing the assessment Mandatory issue and service of

Issue of Notice U/s 142(1) (ii) calling for information required to complete the assessment

Referral to
Valuation Officer
(142A) or Direction
for audit u/s.
142(2A)if required

Issue of Show cause notice if AO intends to make certain additions/disallowance to the income of the Assessee

Issue of Assessment order U/s 143(3) within time limit prescribed U/s 153(1)

The AO shall not require the production of any accounts relating to a period more than 3 years prior to the previous year

Best Judgment Assessment U/s. 144



Fails to comply with all the terms of a notice issued u/s 142(1) or a direction issued u/s 142(2A) Fails to file return u/s 139(1) and has not filed belated return u/s 139(4) or revised return u/s 139(5)

> A.O. **shall** make a best judgement assessment

Having filed a return, fails to comply with all the terms of a notice issued u/s 143(2)

After taking into account all relevant material which he has gathered

After giving the assessee an opportunity of being heard

COMPLETION OF RE-ASSESSMENT [SECTION 147]

- □ AO can make the re-assessment of an income escaping assessment if the following conditions are satisfied:
- (a) Any income chargeable to tax has escaped assessment for any assessment year; an
- (b) The assessing officer follows the provisions of sections 148 to 153.
- ☐ Income Escaping Assessment: recompute the loss or income or the depreciation allowance or any other allowance or deduction for such assessment year. It is imperative to note that the
- □ Note: AO can assess or reassess all those incomes which have escaped assessment and which come to his notice subsequently in the course of such proceeding notwithstanding that the procedure prescribed in section 148A was not followed before issuing such notice for such income.

WHEN DOES INFORMATION SUGGEST THAT INCOME HAS ESCAPED ASSESSMENT?

☐ [Explanation 1 to Section 148] -In cases other than search, survey or requisition

Deemed to be Escaped Assessment

- (a) any information flagged in the case of the assessee for the relevant assessment year in accordance with the risk management strategy formulated by the Board from time to time;
- (b) any final objection raised by the CAG to the effect that the assessment in the case of the assessee for the relevant assessment year has not been made in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

WHEN DOES INFORMATION SUGGEST THAT INCOME HAS EXCAPED ASSESSEMENT?

☐ In search, survey or requisition cases [Explanation 2 to Section 148]

Deemed to be Escaped Assessment

- Search, survey or requisition cases initiated or made or conducted, on or after 1st April 2021.
- ❖ It shall be deemed that the AO has information which suggests that the income chargeable to tax has escaped assessment in the case of the assessee for the three assessment years immediately preceding the assessment year relevant to the previous year in which the search is initiated or requisition is made or any material is seized or requisitioned or survey is conducted.

WHEN DOES INFORMATION SUGGEST THAT INCOME HAS EXCAPED ASSESSEMENT? Which information can be flagged by CBDT?

- □ AO has to follow the process of Section 148A before issuing a notice under Section 150 read with Section 148.
- ☐ In such a case, the assessing officer can issue a notice even beyond the time limit of 3 years / 10 years proposed in new Section 149.

(For Serious Tax Evasion cases, where evidence of concealment of Income is more than Rs. 50 Lacs, notice can be issued beyond 3 years but not beyond 10 years.)

☐ Conducting Inquiry:

Before issue of Notice, AO shall conduct enquiries, if required.

- Prior approval of specified authority, with respect to the information which suggests that income chargeable to tax has escaped assessment
- AO cannot conduct an enquiry on any information which has not been obtained through RMS of the CBDT or the objection raised by the CAG.

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- □ Granting an opportunity of being heard
- AO shall provide an opportunity of being heard to the Assessee (prior approval of specified authority),
- Notice to Show Cause to be issued to Assessee within time not being less than 7 days but not exceeding 30 days from the date on which such notice is issued (may be extended).

- □ Pass an order:
- Material available on record & reply of the assessee, the AO shall decide, whether or not it is a fit case to issue a notice under new Section 148.
- * AO shall pass Order within 1 month from end of the month in which the reply of the assessee is received / where no such reply is furnished, within 1 month from the end of the month in which time or extended time allowed to furnish a reply expires.
- Serve a copy of such order along with such notice on the assessee.
- Copy of the order passed by the AO under Section 148A shall be supplied along with the copy of the notice issued u/s 148.

- ☐ Action of the Assessee on receipt of Notice:
- ❖ If the Assessee does not agree with the order passed by the AO u/s 148A, he cannot file an appeal against such order with the CIT(A) or the ITAT. (Only can challenge this by filing a Writ in the High Court).
- Other Provisions
- ❖ In the case of a survey, the AO has to follow the procedure laid down in Section 148A before issuing a notice u/s 148.
- **❖** AO shall follow the following procedure before issuing a notice under new Section 148.

MANNER OF CONDUCTING ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS [SECTION 151A]

- All of the following procedures shall be conducted in a faceless manner:
- (a) Assessment, reassessment or re-computation under Section 147;
- (b) Issuance of notice under Section 148;
- (c) Conducting of enquiries or issuance of show-cause notice or passing of an order u/s 148A;
- ♦ (d) Sanction for issue of such notice under Section 151.

MANNER OF CONDUCTING ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS [SECTION 151A]

- All of the following procedures shall be conducted in a faceless manner:
- **❖** Central Govt. will bring a scheme to carry out the re-assessment proceedings in a faceless manner.
- ❖ Reassessment u/s 147 must be completed within 12 months from the end of the financial year in which notice was served. (extended by 12 months if reference is made to the TPO).
- * Rate of taxation [Sec. 152(1)]: tax shall be chargeable at the rates at which it would have been charged had the income not escaped assessment.

TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETION OF RE-ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS [SECTION 153]

Income escaping assessment	Time limits if notice can be issued up to 3 years		Time limits if notice can be issued up to 10 years	
belongs to the Assessment year	Last date to issue notice	Last date to pass the order	Last date to issue notice	Last date to pass the order
2021-22	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-32	31-Mar-33
2020-21	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-31	31-Mar-32
2019-20	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-30	31-Mar-31
2018-19	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-29	31-Mar-30
2017-18*	•	•	31-Mar-28	31-Mar-29

COMPARISON OF NEW SCHEME & OLD SCHEME OF RE-ASSESSMENT

Basis	Old Scheme		New Scheme		
Issue of notice u/s 148	AO has reasons to believe that income has escaped assessment.		AO which suggests that income has escaped assessment.		
Procedure before issuing a notice (In non-search or non-requisition cases)	Record reasons to believe that the income has escaped assessment		Follow the process laid down (a) Conduct an Inquiry; (b) Grant an opportunity of b (c) Consider reply of the asse (d) Pass an Order.	eing heard to the assessee;	
Authority for issuing notice	Up to 4 years	JCIT	Up to 3 years	PCIT or PDIT or CIT or DIT	
	After 4 years	PCCIT or CCIT or PCIT or CIT	After 3 years	(after 3 Yrs where no PCIT/PDIT then DIT or CIT)	
Issue of Notice Time-limit	4 to 16 Years		3 to 1	3 to 10 years	
Time-limit to complete assessment	year in which not extended by 12 n	ne end of the financial ice was served. To be nonths if reference is nsfer Pricing Officer.	No Change		

Reason of New Claim – as not claimed in the return of Income:

- Inability to file revised returns as Original returns weren't file within due date
- Expiry of Due-date for filing revised returns
- Fail to claim / short claim certain deductions/exemptions
- Subsequent Retrospective amendments
- Subsequent Judicial pronouncements delivered
- **Cases where Rectification / Revision of orders aren't made / cannot be made.**

Indian Constitution

Article 265 of the Constitution of India lays down that no tax shall be levied except by authority of law. Hence only legitimate tax can be recovered and even a concession by a tax-payer does not give authority to the tax collector to recover more than what is due from him under the law.

Extract of Article 265 of Constitution of India

* "265. Taxes not to be imposed save by authority of law No tax shall be levied or collected except by authority of law"

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<u>CBDT Circular on Assessee's Rights</u>: Circular No:14 (XL-35) dated April 11, 1955.

"Officers of the <u>Department must not take advantage of</u> ignorance of an assessee as to his rights. It is one of their duties to assist a taxpayer in every reasonable way, particularly in the matter of claiming and securing reliefs and in this regard the Officers should take the initiative in guiding a taxpayer where proceedings or other particulars before them indicate that some refund or relief is due to him. This attitude would, in the long run, benefit the Department for it would inspire confidence in him that may be sure of getting a square deal from the Department. Although, therefore, the responsibility for claiming refunds and reliefs rests with assessee on whom it is imposed by law, officers should

- (a) Draw their attention to any refunds or reliefs to which they appear to be clearly entitled but which they have omitted to claim for some reason or other;
- when approached by them as to their rights and liabilities and as to the procedure to be adopted for claiming refunds and reliefs."

- **CBDT** Circular No: 14 (XL-35) dated April 11, 1955 Judicially noted and approved in many judgments and has been relied upon in support of the Assessees claim.
- Supreme Court: New Claims need not be accepted by Assessing Officers when made by Assessees through a Letter, if same is not claimed in return filed under section 139
- **Goetze (India) Ltd. v. CIT [TS-21-SC-2006-O] judgment dated 24-3-2006**

Goetze (India) Ltd. v. CIT [TS-21-SC-2006-O] judgment dated 24-3-2006

- The assessee filed its return of income on 30-11-1195 for A.Y. 1995-96. During assessment proceedings it sought to claim a deduction by way of a letter dated 12-1-1988. The deduction was disallowed by the Assessing Officer on the ground that there was no provision under the Incometax Act to make amendment in the return of income otherwise than by revising the return.
- In appeal before the CIT (A), the Assessees claim was allowed. However the ITAT allowed Departments' appeal against the order by CIT (A). The assessee in appeal before the Supreme Court relied upon the Apex Court' decision in National Thermal Power Co. Ltd. v. CIT [TS-18-SC-1996-O] to contend that it was open to assessee to raise the points of law even before the Tribunal.
- The Apex Court held that the claim of deduction not made in the return cannot be entertained by the assessing officer otherwise than by filing a revised return. The court also held that the decision does not impinge upon the powers of the Tribunal under section 254 of the Act.
- ❖ This judgment in Goetze's' case is generally relied upon by the Assessing Officers, ignoring Article 265 of the Indian Constitution and CBDT Circular No. 14(XL-35) cited above in dis-allowing deductions / claims made by the Assesses for the first time.

No Fresh Claim:

□ Where necessary evidence in respect of a claim is already on record but the Section / mode / method / Quantum of deduction needs revision due to various factors, such claims through letter shall to be accepted by the Assessing Officers.

In such cases there is already a claim by the assessee and there being no fresh claim the judgment in <u>Goetze's case</u>, <u>with due</u> <u>respect shall not be applicable</u>.

- □ Distinction between a Fresh Claim and Revised Claim Allahabad High Court in CIT v. Dhampur Sugar Ltd. [TS-5083-HC-1972(ALLAHABAD)-O] held that:
- "There is distinction between a revised return and a correction of return. If the assessee files some application for correcting a return already filed or making amends therein, it would not mean that he has filed a revised return. It will retain the character of an original return. But once the revised return is filed, the original return must be taken to have been withdrawn and to have been substituted by a fresh return for the purpose of assessment."
- The assessee had asked for re-computation of deduction under section 80-IB. Relying on Goetze (India) Ltd. (supra) the Revenue rejected the claim. As the assessee had not made any new claim the court held that the said decision may not be squarely applicable.
- It held that the Courts have taken a pragmatic view and not the technical view as what is required to be determined is the taxable income of the assessee in accordance with the law. In this sense, assessment proceedings are not adversarial in nature.

[CIT v. Natraj Stationery Products (P) Ltd., [TS-121-HC-2008(DEL)-O]

Since claim of depreciation at a higher rate, as made before the Assessing Officer is not at all a new claim, as held in 'JCIT vs. Hero Honda Finlease Ltd.' [TS-5186-ITAT-2008(DELHI)-O], whereas 'Goetze (India) Ltd.' is with regard to only a new claim made in the assessment and not concerning modification of claim;

Distinction between a Fresh Claim and Revised Claim [Solaris Bio Chemicals Limited, Vs. DCIT, [TS-5929-ITAT-2012(DELHI)-O]

HC dismisses Revenue's appeal, allows Sec 10A deduction on the basis of revised computation of income filed by assessee during assessment proceedings; Notes that pursuant to revised computation, loss shown for Sec 10A unit was revised at an income upon correcting error made in classifying revenues pertaining to Sec 10A and non-10A units, however AO refused to take cognizance of the revised computation in absence of a revised return filed by assessee relying on SC ruling in Goetze (India) Ltd.;

- Relies on co-ordinate bench rulings in
- Western India Shipyard Limited,
- Sam Global Securities Ltd.,
- Influence and Jai Parabolic Springs Ltd.
- □ Bombay HC ruling in
 - Pruthvi Brokers & Share holders (P)
 Ltd. to hold that SC ruling in Goetze
 (India) "would not apply if the
 Assessee had not made a new claim
 but had asked for recomputation of
 the deduction";

Commissioner of Income Tax v. Jai Parabolic Springs Ltd. [TS-5472-HC-2008(DELHI)-O]

"17. In Goetze (India) Limited v. Commissioner of Income Tax [TS-21-SC-2006-O] wherein deduction claimed by way of a letter before Assessing Officer, was disallowed on the ground that there was no provision under the Act to make amendment in the return without filing a revised return. Appeal to the Supreme Court, as the decision was upheld by the Tribunal and the High Court, was dismissed making clear that the decision was limited to the power of assessing authority to entertain claim for deduction otherwise than by revised return, and did not impinge on the power of Tribunal."

CIT v. Ramco International [TS-132-HC-2008(P & H)-O]

The assessee did not make a claim for deduction u/s. 80IB in the return. The assessee however filed Form 80CCB and other relevant documents during assessment proceedings. The claim was disallowed by the assessing officer. The CIT(A) allowed the claim. The ITAT upheld the order by CIT(A). The High Court upheld the ITAT order.

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Commissioner of Income Tax v. Rose Services Apartment India P. Ltd., [TS-5186-HC-2009(DELHI)-O]

□ Relying upon the decision of the Supreme Court in National Thermal Power Co. Ltd. [TS-18-SC-1996-O], the Court rejected the plea of the Revenue that the Tribunal could not have entertained the plea, holding that the tribunal was empowered to deal with the issue and was entitled to determine the claim of loss, if at all, under one section/provision or the other.

CIT v. Pruthvi Brokers & Shareholders Pvt. Ltd. – [TS-463-HC-2012(BOM)-O]

It is well settled that an assessee is entitled to raise not merely additional legal submissions before the appellate authorities, but is also entitled to raise additional claims before them. The appellate authorities have the discretion whether or not to permit such additional claims to be raised. It cannot, however, be said that they have no jurisdiction to consider the same.

Chicago Pneumatic India Ltd. v. Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax [TS-5164-ITAT-2007(MUMBAI)-O]

It has been held that even though the assessee did not revise its claim under sections 80HH and 80-I, in the revised return, the IT authorities were obliged to consider the revised figures placed before them during assessment.

Thomas Kurian v. Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax [TS-5350-ITAT-2006(COCHIN)-O]

■ AO being a quasi-judicial authority, once having noted in the assessment order that assessee had export turnover, was duty bound to ask the assessee as to why he had not claimed deduction under section 80HHC. The matter was remanded to the AO to decide Assessees claim for deduction under section 80HHC.

CIT v. Rose Services Apartment India (P) Ltd [TS-5186-HC-2009(DELHI)-O]

□ Relying upon the decision of the Supreme Court in National Thermal Power Co. Ltd. (supra), a Division Bench of this Court rejected the plea of the Revenue that the tribunal could not have entertained the plea, holding that the tribunal was empowered to deal with the issue and was entitled to determine the claim of loss, if at all, under one section / provision or the other.

CIT v. Jindal Saw Pipes Ltd [TS-5642-HC-2010(DELHI)-O]

Decision in Goetze (India) Ltd. (supra) was again relied upon by the Revenue in CIT v. Jindal Saw Pipes Ltd [TS-5642-HC-2010(DELHI)-O] but the contention was not accepted, observing that the tribunal's jurisdiction is comprehensive and as simulates issues in the appeal from the order of the CIT (Appeals) and the tribunal has the discretion to allow a new ground to be raised.

CIT vs. Jai Parabolic Springs Ltd." [TS-5472-HC-2008(DELHI)-0],

■ It was held that the CIT (A) had the jurisdiction to entertain the additional claim not filed before the Assessing Officer.

CIT vs. Lucknow Public Educational Society", [TS-5024-HC-2009(ALLAHABAD)-O]

□ The original return had been filed late, due to which, the revised return was treated by the Assessing Officer as a nonest, it was held that a claim to which the assessee is legally entitled cannot be denied by the Assessing Officer on technical grounds, even if such a claim has not been made by the assessee.

Rachhpal Singh vs. Income-tax Officer" [TS-5088-ITAT-2005(Amritsar)-O]

□ The assessee withdrew its claim before the Assessing Officer considering that it was not entitled to such claim. Subsequently, the assessee made that very claim before the appellate authority, which was accepted.

Deepak Nitrite Ltd. vs. CIT", [TS-5560-HC-2008(GUJARAT)-O]

■ In the original return deduction was claimed u/s 32A of the Act, whereas in the belated revised return, such claim was rectified and made u/s 32AB, which claim was accepted.

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On revenue's appeal, Karnataka High Court held that assessee's claim for eligibility with regard to deduction under section 8oP was entertained by CIT(A) as assessee did not have the opportunity to raise the contention before AO. As the CPC passed the assessment order, assessee had no opportunity to make a fresh claim by way of revised return before the CPC as the process is automated. Thus, assessee's fresh claim before appellate authority is entertainable even if the same is not claimed in the original return of income, nor assessee has filed a revised return of income to make such claim.

Assessee was a cooperative society. Assessing Officer (AO), while processing its return of income, made additions under the head profit and gains from business or profession. Assessee submitted that it filed the original return of income which certain typographical errors in contained Schedule-BP. It had entered 'NIL' in item No. 1, against which it was eligible to claim an exemption under Section 10(23C)(iiib) or deduction under section 8oP. The exemption was to be filled in item No. 5 of Schedule-BP. The Central Processing Centre (CPC) has only considered the item in lieu of 'NIL' and has not considered the exemption under Section 10(23C)(iiib) or deduction under Section 8oP, for which it was eligible. However, AO rejected claim of assessee.

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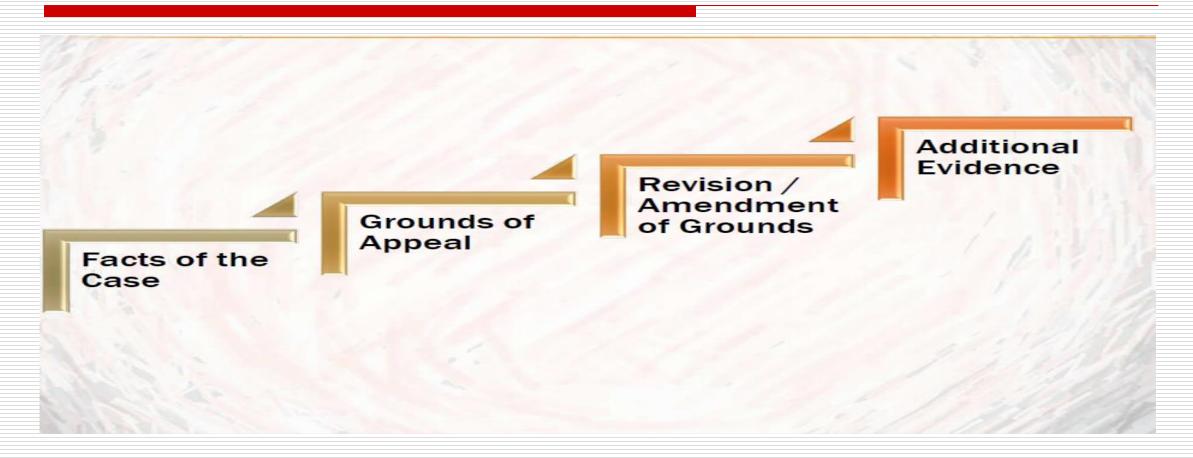
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Making New Claim / Additional Ground / Additional Evidence – Provisions & Proceedures



RELATED PROVISIONS

S. 250(5)

 Ground of Appeal Revision

S. 251 Expl

Powers of CIT(A)

R. 46A

Additional Evidence

AMENDMENT / REVISION OF GROUNDS

- Can it be done?
- Is it a New Ground or Amendment of Existing Ground?
- S. 250(5) CIT (A) may, at hearing of an appeal, allow appellant to go into any ground of appeal not specified in grounds of appeal, if he is satisfied that omission of that ground from Form of appeal was not:
 - +wilful or
 - +unreasonable.

AMENDMENT / REVISION OF GROUNDS

Explanation to S. 251 - In disposing of an appeal, the CIT (A) may consider and decide any matter arising out of the proceedings in which the order appealed against was passed, notwithstanding that such matter was not raised before the CIT (A) by the appellant

JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

Madras High Court in M/s Ramco Cements Ltd. vs. DCIT Tax case Appeal No. 916/2014 - It is to be noted herein that the Act does not contain any express provision preventing the assessee from raising new grounds in appeal and there is no provision in the act restricting the Appellate Authority to entertain such new ground in the appeal. In the absence of statutory bar, the appellate authority is vested with the power, which is co-terminus with that of original authority, to allow the assessee to raise new ground, if same is bonafide and not willful or unreasonable

JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

- S. 250(5) empowers CIT(A) to allow appellant to raise additional grounds of appeal if satisfied that, omission thereof was not willful or unreasonable. It is a discretionary power which is exercised based on the facts and circumstances of each case - Jute Corporation of India Ltd. vs. CIT: 187 ITR 688 (SC)
- Where a claim is not made in ROI, including revised ROI, although the AO is not empowered to allow such claim, the same can be raised before CIT(A) as additional grounds of appeal -
 - Goetze India Ltd. v. CIT 284 ITR 323 (SC)
 - CIT v. Jai Parabolic Springs Ltd. 306 ITR 42 (Del.)

JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

- If facts not on record, additional Grounds of appeal can be admitted, and matter may be set aside for verification by AO –
 - + DCM Benetton India Ltd. v. CIT: 173 Taxman 283 (Del. HC);
 - + ONGC v. Addl. CIT: ITA No. 357 & 358/Del./2005 (Del. ITAT)
- By when can we file the additional grounds?
- There is no time limit to file additional grounds of appeal
 - + K.C. Khajanchi v. ITAT in C.W. No. 2164/99;
 - + Zakir Hussain v. CIT (2006) 202 CTR (Raj.) 40;
 - + Jindal Polyester & Steel Ltd. v. DCIT (ITA No.2521/Del/1997) (Del.Tri.)

JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

- CIT vs. Jindal Saw Pipes Ltd. (2010) 78 CCH 0717 Del HC - Authority of the CIT is coextensive with that of the AO. Moreover, s. 250(5) allows the assessee to raise an issue not even forming part of the grounds of appeal. CIT (A) was therefore justified in allowing revised claim of the assessee company for deduction.
- Ramgopal Ganpatrai & Sons Ltd. vs. CIT (1953) 21 CCH 031 Mum HC - Assessee is entitled to raise new ground which was not raised before AO, nor stated in grounds of appeal.

[CIT VS E FUNDS INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT LTD [TS-5509-HC-2015(DELHI)-O]

Appellate Authorities can admit new ground or evidence either suo motu or at the invitation of the parties

□ Section 251 of the Act describes the powers of the Appellate Commissioner in such an appeal. Under Section 251(1)(a) in disposing of such an appeal the Appellate Assistant Commissioner may, in the case of an order of assessment, confirm, reduce, enhance or annul the assessment; under clause (b) thereof he may set aside the assessment and direct the Income Tax Officer to make a fresh assessment.

Explanation to Section 251 also provides that In disposing of an appeal, Commissioner the (Appeals) may consider and decide any matter arising out the of proceedings in which the appealed order against passed, was not withstanding that such matter was not raised before the Commissioner (Appeals) by the appellant.

[CIT VS E FUNDS INTERNATIONAL INDIA PVT LTD [TS-5509-HC-2015(DELHI)-O]

Section 254 of the Income-tax Act, provides that the Appellate Tribunal may, after giving both the appeal to the parties opportunity of being heard, pass such orders thereon as it thinks fit. The power of the Tribunal in dealing with appeals expressed in the widest possible terms. The purpose assessment proceedings before the taxing authorities is to assess correctly the tax liability of an assessee in accordance with law.

The Judgement in Goetze's' Case makes it clear that the question addressed is limited to the power of the assessing authority and does not impinge on the power of the Income Tax Appellate Commissioner or the Tribunal under section 251 and 254 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

National Thermal Power Co. Ltd. vs CIT[TS-18-SC-1996-O] / 229 ITR 383 (SC):

- Where on the facts found by the authorities below a question of law arises (though not raised before the authorities) which bears on the tax liability of the assessee, whether the Tribunal has jurisdiction to examine the same?
- Under Section 254 of the Income-tax Act, the Appellate Tribunal may, after giving both the parties to the appeal an opportunity of being heard, pass such orders there on as it thinks fit.
- ☐ The power of the Tribunal in dealing with appeals is thus expressed in the widest possible terms.
- ☐ The purpose of the assessment proceedings before the taxing authorities is to assess correctly the taxliability of an assessee in accordance with law....

- We do not see any reason to restrict the power of the Tribunal u/s 254 only to decide the grounds which arise from the order of the Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals).
- Both the assessee as well as the Department has a right to file an appeal / cross-objections before the Tribunal. We fail to see why the Tribunal should be prevented from considering questions of law arising in assessment proceedings although not raised earlier

Jute Corporation of India Ltd. v. CIT - (1991) 187 ITR 688

- An appellate authority has all the powers which the original authority may have in deciding the question before it subject to the restrictions or limitations, if any, prescribed by the statutory provisions.
- ❖ In the absence of any statutory provision, the appellate authority is vested with all the plenary powers which the subordinate authority may have in the matter....
- Appellate ACIT should exercise his discretion in permitting or not permitting the assessee to raise an additional ground in accordance with law and reason. (same for ITAT)

Jute Corporation of India Ltd. v. CIT

- ITAT have the discretion to allow or not allow a new ground to be raised. But where the Tribunal is only required to consider question of law arising from the facts which are on record in the assessment proceedings we fail to see why such a question should not be allowed to be raised when it is necessary to consider that question in order to correctly assess the tax liability of an assessee.
- reframed question, The therefore, is answered in the affirmative, i.e., the Tribunal has jurisdiction to examine a question of law which arises from the facts as found by the authorities below and having a bearing on the tax liability of the assessee. We remand the proceedings to the Tribunal for consideration of the new grounds raised by the assessee on the merits.

WHEN TO REVISE

- When it can be / should be done?
 - +Error
 - +New points
 - +Summarise, if earlier was detailed
 - +New AR and wants additional grounds

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Ground: "That the appellant carves leave to add, alter, modify or delete any of the ground of appeal."

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

- CIT(A)can admit additional evidence or documents only after applying rule 46A
- Additional evidences cannot be accepted without giving a reasonable opportunity to AO to examine and rebut the said evidences
- If AO objects to admission of additional evidence, then CIT (A) should give categorical finding in terms of rule 46A for admission thereof
- Proper reasons must be given for non-acceptance of additional evidence under rule 46A
- To render justice, CIT (A) can admit new evidence
- Additional evidence must be allowed for reasonable cause

WHEN AO REFUSE TO ADMIT AE

- It is mandatory that AO should receive the additional evidences while disposing off the remand report.
 - The AO may refuse to admit the additional evidences in his remand report
- In such cases, the CIT (A) can admit the additional evidences by his own to render the justice.
- In case, AO refused or decline, It's the power of the CIT (A) to receive and consider the same.

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

- Application to be made:
 - in writing
 - in duplicate
 - with prayer for acceptance of additional document
 - along with justification
 - specifically mention the sub rule of Rule 46 A in which these paper are being filed.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

- CIT (A) shall not take into account any additional evidence unless the AO has been allowed a reasonable opportunity:
 - to examine the evidence or document or to cross-examine witness produced by appellant
 - to produce any evidence or document or any witness in rebuttal of the additional evidence produced by the appellant

SUO-MOTO POWER

R. 46A(4) - Nothing contained in this rule shall affect the power of CIT (A) to direct the production of any document, or examination of any witness, to enable him to dispose of the appeal. or for any other substantial cause including the enhancement of the assessment or penalty whether on his own motion or on the request of the A0 u/s 251(1)(a) or the imposition of penalty u/s 271.

RELEVANT SUB-RULE 46A(1)

- Where AO refused to admit the said evidence which ought to have been admitted
- b. Where appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing evidence called upon by AO or relevant to any ground in appeal
- c. Where appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing the AO any evidence which is relevant to any ground of appeal
- d. Where AO made the impugned order without giving sufficient opportunity to appellant

R. 46A(1)(A)

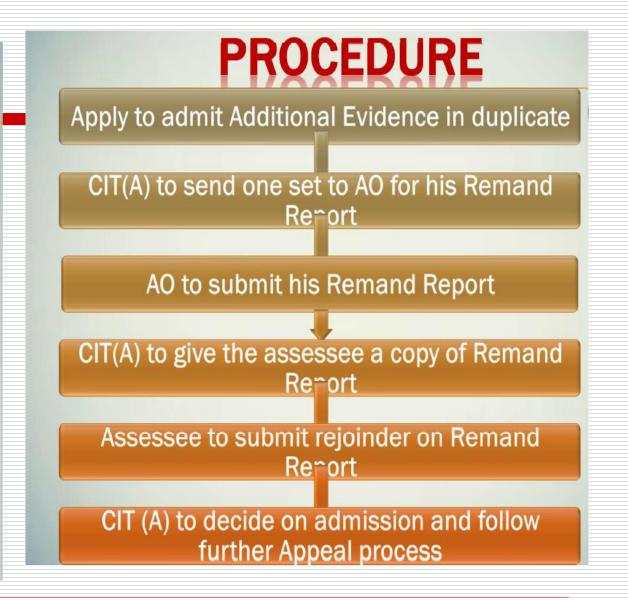
- Where AO refused to admit the said evidence which ought to have been admitted
 - × Faceless assessment !!!
 - × Manually
 - * Bulk
 - * Any other reason
 - Evidence of refusal
 - **★ E-mail**
 - Speed post / courier

R. 46A(1)(B) / (C)

- Where appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing evidence called upon by AO or relevant to any ground in appeal
- + Where appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from producing the AO any evidence which is relevant to any ground of appeal
 - Not giving sufficient time
 - Evidence not with appellant ED / GST, etc
 - Fire or another calamity
 - Third party refusing

R. 46A(1)(D)

- Where AO made the impugned order without giving sufficient opportunity to appellant
 - Suo-moto additions
 - × Assessment u/s 144
 - × Addition without show cause



JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

Bombay High Court in Smt. Prabhavati S. Shah vs. CIT [1998] 231 ITR 1 - AAC should have admitted additional evidence in exercise of power u/s 250(5) as well as under Rule 46A(1)(c) considering the fact that AO had considered loan as income only on ground that summons issued to lenders were returned unserved and didn't provide opportunity to assessee during assessment proceedings

JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

- CIT v. Virgin Securities and Credits P. Ltd (2011) 332 ITR 396 (Del) - CIT(A) should admit the additional evidence if he finds that the same is crucial for the disposal of the appeal.
- Patel 202 Taxman 262 if additional evidence is without any blemish and in order to advance the cause of justice, the same ought to be admitted.

JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

High Court of Delhi in CIT vs. Manish Build Well (P) Ltd. in ITA No.928/2011 dt. 15.11.2011 (2011) 63 DTR 369 - after admission of additional evidence, it is mandatory to follow Rule 46A(3) of the Rule. It was found that the AO only objected the admissibility of additional evidence and restricted himself to comment on the merits of the evidence. Therefore, the Hon'ble court observes that the ld. CIT (A) did not follow the mandatory procedure for consideration of additional evidence at the first appellate stage.

JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

ITAT Delhi in ITO Vs. Kuber Chand Sharma- ITA No. 3982/Del/2009 - CIT (A) has admitted the additional evidence without fulfilling the categorical conditions laid down in Rule 46A, as explained by Hon'ble Delhi High Court in the case of Manish Build Well Pvt. Ltd. Consequently, his order on this issue is not tenable; however, the issue of merits remains. Besides, from the record it emerges that assessee wanted to file only government records & revenue record about crops - Matter set aside, restored back to AO to decide the same afresh after affording the assessee sufficient opportunity of being heard.

REASONABLE OPP. TO AO

- CIT (A) cannot proceed with additional evidences by its own without giving an opportunity to assessing officer to verify additional evidences. It is mandatory for CIT (A) to remand additional evidences to AO.
- ITAT Delhi ITO Vs Mrs. Anvita Abbi ITA No. 3707 / Del/2011 Ld. CIT (A) admitted fresh evidences but did not allow any opportunity to AO for examining those evidences or furnishing any evidence in rebuttal as required by Rule 46A(3). Therefore, order of Id CIT (A) is in violation of Rule 46A. Matter set aside to AO.

FINDING OF CIT(A) ON AO OBJECTION

- If AO objects to admission of additional evidence, then CIT (a) should give categorical finding in terms of rule 46A for admission thereof - ITAT Delhi, ITO Vs. Kuber Chand Sharma (ITA No. 3982/Del/2009)
- Reasons must be given for non-acceptance of additional evidence under rule 46A
 - +Abhay Kumar Shroff V/s. ITO 63 ITD 144(Pat)
 - +Smt. Prabhavati S. Shah V/s. CIT, 231 ITR 278
 - + Collector Land Katji 167 ITR 471 (SC)

OPPORTUNITY TO AO

ITAT Chandigarh, ITO Vs Bhagwan Dass, Contractor IT Appeal No. 383 (Chd.) of 2011. On plain reading of Rule 46A, it is clear that it is introduced to place fetters on the right of the appellant, to produce before 1st Appellate Authority, any evidence, whether oral or documentary, other than the evidence produced by him, during the course of proceedings before the AO, except in the circumstances set out therein. It does not deal with the power of the 1st appellate authority, to make further enquiry.

OPPORTUNITY TO AO

In present case, assessee has already filed requisite details before AO & further detail was to be filed before AO & he refused to accept the same. Therefore, assessee was compelled to file details by way of Speed Post. Further, new evidence filed by assessee from govt. agency & the same are essential for disposal of appeal. AO was given due opportunities & he submitted remand report hence, CIT(A) has given due opportunity to AO, within Rule 46A.

SUO MOTO CALL OF CIT(A)

- Where CIT (A) has called for production of any document on his own during the course of appellate proceedings, then he is not obliged to call for a remand report from AO on the said evidences. In such circumstances the revenue cannot raise the issue of violation of Rule 46A
 - + CIT v Surtech Hospital & Research Centre Ltd 293 ITR 53 (Bom),
 - + CIT v Sagar Construction Pvt Ltd [2015] 56 taxmann.com 434 (Patna)
 - + Contrary view by the Kerala High Court in CIT v E. D. Benny 283 CTR (Ker) 212

SUO MOTO CALL OF CIT(A)

- Assessee filed reply before AO in which several details as per query of AO were furnished at assessment stage including copy of cash book.
- Even if CIT(A) called for books of account, details and vouchers at appellate stage for examination, there was nothing wrong in his power to examine books of account as per Rule 46A(4)
 - + ITO & Anrs v Jaidka Woolen & Hosiery Mills P. Ltd & Anrs (2018) 68 ITR (Trib) 0216 (Delhi)

FAVORABLE REMAND REPORT

- Where CIT(A) has admitted additional evidences and called for remand report from AO & if AO gives the report in favour of assessee i.e. where AO accepts evidences filed by assessee & opines that additions are not warranted considering evidences, then CIT(A) considering remand report may allow appeal in favour of assessee. Revenue cannot be aggrieved by order of CIT(A) & file appeal before ITAT for which favourable remand report was given by AO.
 - + B.Jayalakshmi v ACIT [2018] 407 ITR 0212 (Mad)
 - + Ramanlal Kamdar v CIT [1977] 108 ITR 0073 (Mad)
 - + Jivatlal Purtapshi v CIT [1967] 65 ITR 0261 (Bom)
 - + M.M. Annaiah v CIT [1970] 76 ITR 0582 (Mys)

Q&A

