Commissioner of Income Tax v. Vimal Raj Singhvi

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Search additions based on presumptions and estimates deleted

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High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan | Jodhpur | P.B. Majmudar | Dinesh Maheshwari

Assessment years:

01 FACTS OF THE CASE

Revenue challenged deletion of Rs.10,75,000 under section 69A and additions for household expenditure in a block assessment. The Tribunal found the cash-payment theory rested on presumptions about a seized paper, without search evidence establishing that the assessee paid the amount or held it as unexplained money. The source does not specify the block years.

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02 DISCUSSION BY THE HON'BLE COURT

The Court accepted the Tribunal's factual evaluation, including the absence of supporting search evidence and the Department's failure to question the assessee on the material aspect. It also accepted deletion of household-expense additions based on estimates. The reasoning was not perverse and disclosed no legal error requiring appellate interference.

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03 JUDICIAL DECISION

Revenue's appeal was dismissed because no substantial question of law arose. The Tribunal's deletion of the challenged additions remained undisturbed.

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04 OUTCOME / IN WHOSE FAVOUR

Assessee-favourable dismissal on this evidentiary record. The judgment does not declare every seized paper inadmissible or prohibit all household-expense enquiries in ordinary assessments.

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05 EXPERT COMMENTS

A seized document must be connected to the alleged unexplained money — The Court accepted that the Department had not established a cash payment or unexplained money of this assessee. The defect was the inferential gap between the paper and the addition, rather than the mere existence of a paper seized in search. A comparison requires examination of its contents, attribution and corroboration, instead of assuming that seizure alone proves the taxable amount.

Household estimates were considered in the block-assessment setting — The Tribunal evaluated the evidence and deleted the household additions as estimates unsupported in this block assessment. The source gives no quantified household addition or block-year range. Those details should not be invented, and the result should not be converted into a general exemption for unexplained personal expenditure in every assessment procedure.

Appellate finality followed the absence of perversity — The High Court found cogent Tribunal reasons, no ignored legal principle and no substantial question. It did not make a fresh household budget or independently quantify cash movements. An attempt to distinguish the case must identify materially different evidence or a legal error, rather than repeat the same probabilities rejected by the factfinder.

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STATUTORY SCOPE

Sections and disposition are recorded only to the extent stated in this source order.

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