

Sohan Lal Vs Commissioner of Income Tax

Court: High Court Of Punjab And Haryana At Chandigarh

Date of Decision: July 23, 2001

Acts Referred: Income Tax Act, 1961 " Section 68

Citation: (2002) 172 CTR 436 : (2001) 119 TAXMAN 727

Hon'ble Judges: Jawahar Lal Gupta, J; Ashutosh Mohunta, J

Bench: Full Bench

Advocate: Suvir Sehgal, for the Assessee R.P. Sawhney and Rajesh Bindal, for the Revenue, for the Appellant;

Judgement

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Gupta, J.

The assessee has filed this appeal with the grievance that the Tribunal has erred in upholding the addition of Rs. 61,000 to the income declared by

the assessee in the return for the assessment year 1988-89.

2. Mr. Sehgal, the learned counsel for the appellant contends that the order passed by the assessing officer had been rightly reversed by the

Commissioner. However, the Tribunal has wrongly accepted the appeal of the revenue. In the circumstances, the learned counsel maintains that the

following question of law arises for consideration of this court :

Whether, on the facts and in the circumstances of the case, the learned Tribunal, Amritsar Bench, Amritsar has erred in making addition of Rs.

61,000 u/s 68 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 despite of complete evidence regarding identity of creditor, source of credits and actual transaction

has been proved ?

Counsels for the parties have been heard.

3. The assessee had claimed that Ram Partap had advanced an amount of Rs. 54,000 to eight different persons. That amount had been returned

by the borrowers to the assessee. It was credited to the account of Ram Partap by the assessee. Thus, the addition to the extent of Rs. 54,000 is

invalid. He had directly received an amount of Rs. 7,000.

4. A perusal of the order passed by the Tribunal shows that the persons to whom Ram Partap had allegedly advanced the amount of Rs. 54,000

were not known to him. The date on which the amount was advanced has also not been disclosed. No interest was being charged despite the fact

that Ram Partap did not know any one of the eight persons. In this situation, the Tribunal has come to a finding of fact that the transaction cannot

be believed. Nothing has been pointed out to show that this finding is wrong. We are satisfied that it was only a paper entry. No transaction had

actually taken place.

5. Resultantly, we find no ground to interfere with the order impugned in this appeal. The appeal is dismissed. No costs.