ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

ITRA 139 of 2013

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S)

For hearing of main case

11.11.2026

Mr. Shahid Ali Qureshi, advocate for the applicant

Learned counsel states that while numerous questions of law have been proposed the impugned order is prima facie perfunctory in nature and cannot be considered as speaking order under Section 24-A of General Clauses Act, 1897. Learned counsel refers to paragraph 9 of the impugned order and states that the judgment cited therein does not exist. Learned counsel further refers to the impugned order and demonstrates that it merely comprises of reproduction leading to an unqualified and unsustainable conclusion. Under circumstances learned counsel states that impugned order ought not to be sustained.

The Appellate Tribunal is the last fact-finding forum in the statutory hierarchy; therefore, it is incumbent upon it to render independent deliberations and findings on each issue. The manner in which the appeals in general are to be addressed has been emphasized by the Supreme Court in the judgment reported as 2019 SCMR 1726. This High Court has consistently maintained that the Appellate Tribunal is required to proffer independent reasons and findings, and in the absence thereof a perfunctory order could not be sustained. Reliance is placed on the judgment dated 02.10.2024 in SCRA 1113 of 2023 and judgment dated 27.08.2024 in SCRA 757 of 2015. Earlier Division Bench judgments have also maintained that if the impugned order is discrepant in the manner as aforesaid, the correct course is to remand the matter for adjudication afresh. Reliance is placed on the judgment dated 10.12.2024 in ITRA 343 of 2024.

We are of the considered view that the impugned order could not be considered to be a speaking order and is *prima facie* devoid of any independent reasoning etc. The entire order comprises essentially of reproduction and is crowned with a dissonant conclusion. Hence, no case is set forth to sustain the impugned order, which is hereby *set aside* and the matters are remanded back to the Appellate Tribunal for adjudication afresh in accordance with law.

A copy of this decision may be sent under the seal of this Court and the signature of the Registrar to the learned Appellate Tribunal, as required per section 133(8) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

Judge

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