File No.CIC/RM/A/2012/000895

Appellant: Shri Kamal Sharma, Agra

Public Authority: ACIT, Central Circle-1 & JCIT, Central Range, Kanpur

Date of Hearing: 13.06.2013

Date of decision: 13.06.2013

Heard today, dated 13.06.2013 through video conferencing.

Appellant is present.

The Public Authority is represented by Shri RK Chaturvedi, JCIT, Central Range, Kanpur and was heard on telephone.

FACTS

Vide RTI dt 19.12.11, appellant had sought copy of ITR of Shri Niranjan Lal Jain for AY 2005-06.

2. CPIO vide letter dt 27.1.12, informed the appellant that the office of DG(Inv) is exempt from the purview of the RTI Act in accordance with Section 24 of the RTI Act. Hence the information was denied.

3. An appeal was filed on 2.3.12.

4. AA vide order dt 3.4.12, upheld the decision of the CPIO and disposed of the appeal.

5. Submissions made by the appellant and public authority were heard.

DECISION

6. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Girish Ramchandra Deshpande has held that copies of IT Returns is personal information, exempt from disclosure u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act unless larger public interest is involved. In the instant case,
no such larger public interest has been shown. In the light of the above decision, the information sought cannot be provided to the appellant and the appeal is rejected.

Sd/-
(Rajiv Mathur)
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