F.No.246/95/2013-A&PAC-I Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Revenue Central Board of Direct Taxes

New Delhi, 17th March, 2016

Subject:- Modification of Instruction 9/2006 – reg.

Instruction 9 of 2006 lays down the guidelines and procedure for attending to Revenue Audit Objections. The Instruction inter-alia mandates the initiation of remedial action in case the Revenue Audit Objection is not accepted by the Department. The Board has considered the effect of such remedial action and its ultimate fate in appeal. Accordingly, to mitigate the effects of the Instruction, para 4 and para 5 of the Instruction are deleted with immediate effect and replaced by the following:

4. Remedial Action:

- (i) An Audit objection should be accepted and remedial action should be taken in a case where the audit objection relating to an error of facts or an issue of law is found to be correct.
- (ii) Appropriate remedial action should invariable be initiated within two months of the receipt of the Local Audit Report, and necessary orders should be passed within six months thereafter.
- (iii) Where the PCIT/ CIT does not accept the Audit objection, he may record his reasons for doing so and inform the AG accordingly within two months from the date of receipt of the LAR. No remedial action needs to be taken in such cases.

5. Second appeal in cases involving Revenue Audit Objection:

The adverse order of the first appellate authority in cases involving revenue audit objections should be carefully scrutinised by the PCIT/ CIT, and appeal should not be preferred if the order is justified either in law or on facts. Reasons for not filing appeal may be recorded by the PCIT/ CIT.

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