IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

22.09.2009

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Present: Mr. Sanjeev Sabharwal for the appellant. Dr. Rakesh Gupta with Ms. Aarti Saini and Ms. Mahima Aggarwal for the respondent.

ITA No. 467/2007 COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX DEL Vs. KNORR BREMSE INDIA P.LTD.

The respondent/assessee had borrowed funds of Rs.3,69,97,741/during the

relevant assessment year 1998-99. On this, he paid interest of Rs.20,56,500/-,

which was claimed by it in the return as business expenditure. The Assessing

Officer disallowed this amount on the ground that the money was utilized for the

purpose of purchase of share in a company and the borrowed funds were not spent

for business purposes. This finding was, however, reversed by the Commissioner

of Income Tax (Appeal) holding that the shares in a company were purchased by

the assessee out of its own funds and borrowed funds were not utilized for that

purpose. This finding was confirmed by the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.

Thus, the two authorities below have arrived at a definite finding that

amount borrowed was not utilized for the purpose of investment, but for the

purpose of business.

In these circumstances, the interest paid on the borrowed funds was rightly allowed as legitimate deduction under Section 36 of the Income Tax Act,

1961.

No question of law, therefore, arises.

This appeal is dismissed.

A.K. SIKRI, J.

VALMIKI J. MEHTA, J. September 22, 2009 nsk