

'Undisclosed ₹32 crore': Tax relief for Ajit Pawar

'I-T Officer Failed To Establish Link Between Seized Material, Pawar'

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Mumbai: In her capacity as legal heir of her late husband, deputy chief minister Sunetra Ajit Pawar has secured relief from the Income Tax Tribunal, which quashed proceedings initiated under Section 153C of the Income Tax Act and deleted the addition of over Rs 32 crore as unexplained income. While the tax department put forward diaries and digital material to prove that Ajit Pawar was the recipient of certain alleged transactions in financial year 2019-20, the ITAT bench found the evidence insufficient. Sunetra Pawar's role in the proceedings was procedural. During the pendency of the appeal, Ajit Pawar passed away in a plane crash, following which she was brought on record. Section 153C proceedings are triggered when during a search on one person, the tax department finds material allegedly relating to another person and seeks to assess the other person's income based on seized 'evidence'. In this case, documents seized during a July 2020 search on the Triton Group led the department to treat Rs 32 crore as 'unexplained income' in the hands

of Ajit Pawar, which would be subject to a harsh tax rate exceeding 70%.

The ITAT bench comprising judicial member Amit Shukla and account member Makarand Vasant Madhokar upheld the order of the Commissioner (Appeals). They pointed out that section 153C proceedings were unsustainable in the absence of legally admissible and credible evidence. The tribunal, in particular, flagged the reliance on data from the Trucecaller apps insufficient.

During the search and seizure operation conducted on the Triton Group, handwritten diaries and notebooks were recovered from Jiten Pujari, who was associated with the group. The documents contained entries of alleged cash transactions of Rs 32 crore against a person identified only by the initials "DD". Based on these entries and digital material such as WhatsApp chats, SMS exchanges and mobile contact details, the I-T officer concluded that "DD" referred to Ajit Pawar and initiated proceedings under Section 153C. The I-T officer treated this sum as unexplained income for Ajit Pawar in 2019-20.



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Harvard joins India's civil service reform drive

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Harvard Business Impact has partnered with Mission Karmayogi to bring leadership and management learning to civil servants through the iGOT Karmayogi platform, in a move aimed at strengthening governance capabilities at scale and improving service delivery outcomes.

The collaboration will introduce Harvard Management courses, including modules on finance essentials and strategic

thinking, designed to build practical, research-backed skills among gov officials. The content is aligned with the iGOT Karmayogi Competency Framework and focuses on strengthening key behavioural capabilities such as decision-making, communication, problem-solving, financial acumen and strategic execution in complex administrative environments.

The framework, a key pillar of Mission Karmayogi, currently serves over 1.5 crore civil servants and hosts more than 4,700 courses in over 10 languages. It has evolved into a digital learning marketplace offering continuous, role-based and personalised training across central ministries, state govts and district administrations.

Officials said the integration of Harvard's research-driven content is expected to significantly deepen the platform's impact by moving beyond knowledge acquisition to practical, real-world application in

governance. The focus, they said, is on enabling civil servants to embed leadership behaviours in day-to-day decision-making and public service-delivery.

Sumit Harjani, managing director, Harvard Business Publishing India, said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to building a "world-class,

citizen-centric civil service" and enabling scalable leadership development aligned with evolving governance needs.

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