

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No. 2061 of 2017

Arising Out of PS.Case No. -null Year- null Thana -null District- KATIHAR

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Gopal Pandit, Son of Dhanraj Pandit, R/o Village - Ekauna, P.S. - Mansahi, District
- Katihar

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Principal Secretary, Excise Department
2. The Director General of Police, Bihar, Patna
3. The District Magistrate, Katihar
4. The Superintendent of Police, Katihar
5. The Officer in Charge Mansahi P.S., District- Katihar

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Bimal Kumar, Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr. Vivek Prasad, G.P. VII

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BIRENDRA KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 15-11-2017

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Auto (Tempo) of the petitioner bearing registration
no. BR-11G-5040, Engine No. W9K3121086, Chesis No.
MBX0000DFLK936766 was seized by the police in connection with
Mansahi P.S. Case No. 79 of 2017 for the offences under Sections
272, 273 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

Submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner is
that no purpose would be served by continued detention of the vehicle
till completion of the criminal trial because pre-trial confiscation of
the seized article is challenged in L.P.A. No. 1647 of 2015
(Baleshwar Roy vs. The State of Bihar & Ors.) before a Larger



Bench of this Court.

After hearing the parties, finding substance in the submission aforesaid, let the aforesaid vehicle be released in favour of the petitioner on execution of bank guarantee of Rs.1,00,000/- (rupees one lakh) or sale deed of immovable property standing in the name of the petitioner or his wife, to the satisfaction of the learned court below/authority concerned where the case is pending, with condition that the petitioner would not dispose of the said vehicle or put the same under encumbrance without permission of the authority concerned and shall produce as and when required by the Court.

The release shall be subject to the final result of the pending L.P.A. aforesaid.

With the aforesaid observation, this application stands disposed of.

(Birendra Kumar, J)

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