

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2411 of 2017

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

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1. Navin Kumar @ Naveen Kumar Pathak, Son of Late Ramakant Pathak, resident of Village- Saboura, Police Station- Barauni (Refinery), District- Begusarai.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Excise Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director General of Police, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Inspector General of Police, Munger Division, Munger.
4. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Munger Division, Munger.
5. The District Magistrate, Begusarai.
6. The Superintendent of Police, Begusarai.
7. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Zero Mile, District- Begusarai.
8. The Station House Officer, Barauni Police Station, District- Begusarai.
9. Sri Vishwa Mohan Jha, Sub Inspector of Police, Barauni Police Station, District- Begusarai.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ravi Shanker Pankaj, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vivek Prasad, GP-7

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BIRENDRA KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 28-11-2017

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the State.

2. The Motorcycle of this petitioner bearing registration No.BR-09M/6834 was seized in connection with Barauni (Refinery) P.S. Case No.400 of 2016 for alleged violation of the Bihar Excise Law.

3. Submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the jurisdiction of the Executive Officer to confiscate the vehicle



is subjudice before a larger Bench of this Court in **LPA No.1647 of 2015 Baleshwar Roy V. The State of Bihar & Ors.** In the circumstances, till pendency of the L.P.A. aforesaid, the vehicle in question be released in favour of the petitioner as no purpose is going to be served by its continued detention in police lockup.

4. Since no purpose is going to be served by continued detention of the vehicle, let the same be released in favour of the petitioner by way of ad interim custody on execution of surety bond of Rs.50,000/- (Fifty Thousand), not in the form of cash/Bank Guarantee, along with two sureties of the like amount 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 without permission of the authority concerned and shall produce as and when required by the Court. The release shall be subject to the result of the L.P.A. aforesaid.

5. With the aforesaid observation, this writ application stands disposed of.

(Birendra Kumar, J)

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