

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2041 of 2017

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

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1. Suresh Ram S/o Late Khagpati Ram, R/o Village- Patardih, P.S.- Jamua, District- Giridih (Jharkhand).

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Through The Principal Secretary Excise Department, Patna, Bihar.
2. The District Magistrate (Collector), Nawada.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Nawada.
4. The S.I, Arbind Kumar S.H.O. Dhamaul, P.S.- Nawada.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Man Mohan Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kumar Manish, SC-5

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BIRENDRA KUMAR
ORAL JUDGMENT
Date: 22-11-2017

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the State.

2. The Maruti Van of this petitioner bearing registration No.JH11P 5204 was seized in connection with Pakribarawan (Dhamaul) P.S. Case No.20 of 2017 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. Commercial quantity of liquor was recovered from the vehicle of the petitioner.

5. 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 **bank guarantee of Rs.4,00,000/- (Four Lacs)** 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.

6. With the aforesaid observation, this writ application stands disposed of. The release shall be subject to the result of the L.P.A. aforesaid.

(Birendra Kumar, J)

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