

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2921 of 2018

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Santosh Kumar @ Santosh, son of Somnath Mahto, resident of Medical Colony, D.M.C.H., Laheriasarai, Police Station- Laheriasarai, District- Darbhanga.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate-cum- Collector, Darbhanga.
3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Darbhanga.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Excise, Darbhanga.
5. The Officer in charge, Laheriasarai Police Station, District- Darbhanga.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Girish Chandra Jha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vivek Prasad- GP7

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 21-02-2018 This writ petition has been filed for release of a vehicle (Motorcycle TVS Star City) bearing Registration No. BR-07AA-5285, which has been seized in connection with Laheriasarai P.S. Case No.323 of 2017 due to violation of the provisions of the Excise Act.

It is common ground that in various cases, identical in nature, pending finalization of the confiscation/excise/criminal proceedings, vehicles have been directed to be released by this Court on various conditions and we see no reason to make a



deviation in the present case.

Keeping in view the aforesaid, it is directed that pending finalization of the confiscation/excise proceedings and/or criminal case, the vehicle in question shall be released to the petitioner on the petitioner furnishing two surety bonds to the satisfaction of District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Darbhanga and further undertaking to produce the vehicle as and when directed by the authority concerned and not to alienate or deal with the vehicle in question during the pendency of the confiscation/excise proceedings and/or criminal case so as to create third party rights or prejudice the rights of the State in the pending proceedings.

The vehicle in question be released within one week from the date of furnishing the surety bonds.

With the aforesaid, the writ petition stands allowed and disposed of.

(Rajendra Menon, CJ)

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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