

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5289 of 2018

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Prem Chand Mahto @ Prem S/o Rajmangal Mahto, R/o village- Balua Ramgarwa, P.S. Bairiya, District- West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar , through the Chief Secretary, State of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Bettiah, West Champaran.
3. The Superintendent of Excise Department, Bettiah, West Champaran.
4. The Officer In-charge. Bairiya Police Station, West Champaran.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Bimlesh Kumar Pandey
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. KUMAR MANISH- SC5

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 26-03-2018 This writ petition has been filed for release of a vehicle (Pickup Van) bearing Registration No. BR 05GB0147 which has been seized in connection with Bairiya P.S. Case No. 375/2017 due to violation of the Excise Act. The prayer made in the writ petition is to release the vehicle in question pending finalization/initiation of the confiscation proceedings and criminal case.

It is common ground that in various cases, identical in nature, pending finalization of the confiscation 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/initiation of the aforesaid confiscation proceedings and criminal case, the aforesaid vehicle in question shall be released to the petitioner, on his furnishing two surety bonds to the satisfaction of District Magistrate, Bettiah, West Champaran 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 or create a third party interest during the pendency of the confiscation proceedings and criminal case or prejudice the right of the State in confiscation proceeding. The aforesaid vehicle shall be released within one week from the date of furnishing of the sureties.

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

(Rajendra Menon, CJ)

(S. Kumar, J)

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