

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6888 of 2018

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Deepak Kumar, son of Prabhu Narayan, resident of Muhalla- Saristabad,
P.S.- Gardanibagh & Muhalla – Mahavir Nagar, Dashrath, P.S.- Beur,
District- Patna.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar.
2. The District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Patna.
3. The Assistant Excise Commissioner, Patna.
4. The Superintendent of Excise, Patna.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Patna.
6. The Vehicle Inspector, Patna.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Uday Prasad Singh, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha -GA1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 16-04-2018 Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we direct that pending finalization of the criminal case (Kotwali P.S. Case No.88 of 2018), vehicle of the petitioner (Royal Enfield Bullet Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR-01-CZ-3548) be released to the petitioner on the petitioner furnishing two sureties to the satisfaction of the District Magistrate, Patna. In case respondents want to take action for confiscation, they are cautioned to take note of Section 56 of the Act and shall initiate proceedings only if the confiscation proceedings can be initiated in



a case like this where there is no seizure of liquor and the vehicle is not used for transportation of liquor and only the driver is found to have driven the vehicle in a drunken condition. In case confiscation proceedings are initiated and finally it is found that the confiscation could not be initiated being contrary to Section 56, the petitioner shall have liberty to seek compensation to be paid by the officer concerned personally who takes action in the matter.

With the aforesaid, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(Rajendra Menon, CJ)

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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