

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.12069 of 2018

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Rekha Devi, W/o Raju Mahto, Resident of Village- Punaura Ward No. 7,
P.S. + District- Sitamarhi.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar, through the Principal Secretary, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector/District Magistrate-Sitamarhi, District- Sitamarhi.
3. The Excise Deputy Commissioner, Sitamarhi.
4. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi.
5. The Superintendent of Excise, Sitamarhi.
6. The Police Inspector cum S.H.O Sitamarhi, Police Station, District Sitamarhi.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Dinesh Jha, Advocate

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha - GA-1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 05-07-2018 Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we find that the residential house of the petitioner has been sealed by the police officials in connection with Sitamarhi P.S. Case No.696 of 2017 for violation of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016.

It is common ground that in various cases, identical in nature, pending finalization of the confiscation proceedings properties 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 criminal case or confiscation proceedings, the aforesaid residential house of the petitioner shall be unsealed and possession handed over to the petitioner on the petitioner furnishing original title deed of the property in question and two local sureties to the satisfaction of District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Sitamarhi and further undertaking not to alienate or deal with the property in question or create a third party interest during the pendency of the confiscation proceedings and/or criminal case or prejudice the right of the State in the confiscation proceedings. The property of the petitioner should be unsealed and possession handed over to the petitioner within a period of one week from the date of furnishing the original title deed and sureties.

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

(Rajendra Menon, CJ)

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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