

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.216 of 2018

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1. Manoj Rai @ Manoj Kumar Rai @ Manoj Ray S/o Dashai Ray @ Dashai Rai, R/o Village- Lakhnipur Maodah, P.S.- Patepur, District- Vaishali.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Through Principal Secretary, Excise Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector Cum District Magistrate, Vaishali, District- Vaishali.
4. The Excise Superintendent, Vaishali at Hajipur.
5. The Officer In Charge of Goraul P.S., Vaishali.
6. The Officer in Charge of Kathara O.P., P.S.- Goraul, District- Vaishali.
7. Investigating Officer of Goraul P.S. Case No. 242/17, Vaishali.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rajeev Ranjan

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kr Manish (SC-5)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

2 16-02-2018 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel representing the State.

Petitioner has prayed for release of the vehicle Mahindra Bolero SLX bearing Reg. No. BR-06PA/8136 which has been seized by the police in connection with Goraul P.S. Case No.242 of 2017, District-Vaishali for the offence under Sections 30(a), 32(ii) and 41(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016. It is alleged that 265 liters of foreign liquor have been recovered from the vehicle in question.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the



petitioner is ready and willing to abide by the terms and conditions which may be imposed by this Court for provisional release of the vehicle in question.

Considering the facts and circumstances, pending initiation or finalization of confiscation proceeding, let the vehicle of the petitioner be released provisionally on production of proof of ownership and registration of the vehicle in favour of the petitioner subject to the following conditions:-

(i) Petitioner shall furnish a surety in form of a bank guarantee or by deposit of original title deeds of immovable property lying within the jurisdiction of the court below/authority concerned or any other security of like nature valued at Rs. 6,00,000/- (six lakhs)) to the satisfaction of court below or the authority concerned.

(ii) The petitioner shall also give an undertaking that he will not deal with the vehicle in question and shall not alienate or encumber the same creating any kind of adverse interest against the interest of the State, he will not use the vehicle for any illegal purpose and as and when required, he



will produce the vehicle in question before the competent court/authority.

(iii) At the time of release, the concerned authority/court shall get prepared a photograph duly certified in presence of the petitioner and panchnama of the vehicle in question shall also be prepared and keep the same on record which may be used as secondary evidence.

(iv) Petitioner undertakes not to challenge the said photograph and panchnama so prepared in his presence at the time of release of vehicle in question for use in course of trial or the confiscation proceeding, as the case may be.

The application stands disposed of.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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