

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2421 of 2018

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-163 Year-2018 Thana- BAIKUNTHPUR District- Gopalganj

Ramajanma Prasad, Son of Soharai Prasad, Resident of Village- Yekdari
Police Station- Chhauradano, District- East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Registration, Prohibition and Excise, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector, Gopalganj, District- Gopalganj.
3. The Excise Superintendent, Gopalganj.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Vivek Prasad (Gp-7)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

2 31-10-2018 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel representing the State.

Petitioner has prayed for provisional release of the vehicle Tata Safari VX bearing registration no. BR 05 P- 2359, which has been seized by the police in connection with Baikunthpur P. S. Case No. 163 of 2018 for the offences under Sections 420/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 30 (a), 41 (I) (ii) of Bihar Prohibition & Excise Act, 2016.

It is alleged that 132.84 liters of illicit 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. It is further submitted that confiscation proceeding with respect of the vehicle in question is pending.

In view of the views expressed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court, considering the quantity of the illicit liquor being more than 30 liters, pending initiation/finalization of confiscation proceeding, this Court would direct provisional release of the vehicle in question on petitioner producing document of ownership and registration in his name and furnishes two sureties along with a Bank Guarantee for the value of the vehicle in question as indicated in the insurance document to the satisfaction of the Collector, Gopalganj.

The order of provisional release is, however, subject to the further undertakings to be submitted by the petitioner before the Collector, Gopalganj as follows:

(i) That the vehicle in question is not involved in any other offence of similar nature in past and shall not be involved in the nature of the offence in future.

(ii) That the petitioner shall not create any third party right or interest in respect of the vehicle in question.



(iii) That the petitioner shall produce the vehicle as and when required by the learned court below/authority concerned.

Prior to release of the vehicle a Panchnama shall be prepared which will be kept on record for future use in course of trial.

The vehicle be released within one week from the date of furnishing surety and the undertakings as indicated above.

The application stands disposed off.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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