

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.127 of 2018

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Sunil Mandal, Son of Lakshmi Mandal, Resident of Village-Sumahuti,
Salempur, P/S-Tatiyani, District-Sheohar.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar, Through The Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise And Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector/District Magistrate-Sitamarhi.
3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi.
4. The Superintendent of Excise, Sitamarhi.
5. The Office Incharge, Police Station-Belsand, District-Sitamarhi.

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Alok Kumar Alok

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

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

2 19-02-2018 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel representing the State.

Petitioner has prayed for release of the vehicle Bolero bearing Reg.No.BR-06PD-5124, which has been seized by the police in connection with Belsand P.S. Case No.120 of 2017, District-Sitamarhi for the offence under Sections 30(a), 37(a), (b) and 38(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016. It is alleged that one bottle of whisky containing 180 ml has 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.

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

- (i) Petitioner shall furnish surety bond of Rs.6,00,000/- (six lakhs) (not in form of bank guarantee or cash) with two sureties of the like amount 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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