

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2366 of 2018

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-19 Year-2018 Thana- PATAHI District- East Champaran

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Ajay Kumar, Son of Lal Babu Sah, Resident of Village- Nagar, Panchayat Sheohar Ward No. 13, Police Station- Sheohar, 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 Principal Secretary, Registration Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector- cum-District Magistrate, East Champaran, Motihari.
4. The Superintendent of Excise, East Champaran, Motihari.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pushpendra Kumar Singh
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vivek Prasad (Gp7)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

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

Petitioner has prayed for provisional release of the vehicle TVS Apache bearing chassis no. MD634BE4XH2K84397, Engine No. BE4KH2183169 which has been seized by the police in connection with Patahi P. S. Case No. 19 of 2018 for the offence under Sections 188, 272, 273, 290, 414 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 30(a), 37, 38 and 41 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is alleged that 1.5 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 no confiscation proceeding for 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 less 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 for the value of the vehicle in question as indicated in the insurance document to the satisfaction of the court below.

The order of provisional release is, however, subject to the further undertakings to be submitted by the petitioner before the court below 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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