

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2621 of 2018

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-16 Year-2018 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Kishanganj

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Raju Kumar Rathi Son of Rameshwar Lal Rathi Resident of Village-
Forbesganj, Library Road, ward No.05 P.S. Forbesganj, Distt.-Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Through The Excise Commissioner, Bihar, Patna
2. The Collector- cum- District Magistrate, Kishanganj
3. The Superintendent of Excise, Kishanganj
4. The Investigating Officer of Excise Case No.C1-16j of 2018

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Radha Mohan Singh
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha (Ga1)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

2 02-11-2018 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel representing the State.

Petitioner has prayed for provisional release of the
vehicle (Mahindra Bolero Pickup Van) bearing registration no.
BR11S-8970, which has been seized by the police in connection
with Excise Case No. C1-16 of 2018 for the offence under
Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is alleged that 28.5 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 notice has been received by the petitioner for confiscation proceeding in respect of the vehicle in question.

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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