

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2685 of 2019

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Laxmi Devi, wife of Panday Sudhanshu (F), aged about 38 years, resident of Mohallah, H.No. 476 D Road No. 1 Ashok Nagar, P.S. Argora, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director General of Police Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector-cum- District Magistrate, Sitamarhi.
4. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi.
5. The Excise Superintendent, Sitamarhi.
6. The S.I., Excise Rajauli, Anchal- Distt- Nawada.
7. The Excise Officer (Constable) Nawada.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Devendra Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vivek Prasad (GP7)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SRIVASTAVA
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 15-02-2019

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned Counsel for the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of
Swift Dezire Car bearing Registration No. JH-01CT-8644,
which has been seized in connection with G.O. Case No. 295
of 2018 for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a)
and 56(b) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner
that confiscation proceeding is pending and the vehicle is



lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 70 liters of country made liquor.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking note of the nature of seizure made as well as the fact that the confiscation proceeding is pending, we direct that the vehicle in question be released provisionally in favour of the petitioner on production of ownership and registration with respect to vehicle in question in his name before the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Sitamarhi, with one surety (Local) along with a Bank Guarantee or original title deed of immovable property situated within the district to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document. The petitioner while submitting the surety and the bank guarantee or the original title deed, as the case may be, shall also furnish the following affidavits/undertakings:

(I) That the vehicle in question has never been involved in any offence of similar nature in past and shall not indulge in similar offence in future.

(ii) That the petitioner shall not indulge in creating any third party right or interest in respect of the vehicle during the pendency of



the confiscation proceeding, and shall not alienate the vehicle during this period.

(iii) The petitioner shall furnish an undertaking to produce the vehicle before the confiscating authority as and when required.

(iv) Prior to release of the vehicle, a Panchanama would be got prepared by the District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Sitamarhi wherein the photograph of the vehicle shall be taken and will be certified by the petitioner and the same shall be kept on record so that in future if so required, it may be used as a secondary evidence. The petitioner shall furnish an undertaking not to challenge the said Panchanama in course of trial.

The release shall be allowed within a period of 14 days from the date of production of ownership/registration papers supporting the claim of the petitioner together with one surety along with the bank guarantee to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document and the undertakings as stated above. This release would, however, be subject to



finalization of the confiscation proceeding.

With the observations and directions above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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