

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1497 of 2019

Pradip Sarkar Sri Paresh Chandra Sarkar, Resident of Mohalla- Sricolony,
P.S.- Bagdogra, District- Darjeeling (West Bengal).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar and Ors through the Principal Secretary, Registration,
Excise and Prohibition, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Purnea.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Purnea.
4. The Officer-in-Charge of Baisi, Police Station, Purnea.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Amit Kumar Anand, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kumar Manish, Adv.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SRIVASTAVA

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 28-01-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
vehicle(Mahindra Pic-Up Van) bearing Registration No. WB-
73D/6401 which has been seized in connection with Baisi P.S.
Case No. 225 of 2018 for the offences punishable under
Sections 272 and 272 of the Indian Penal Code read along with
side Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act,2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that
confiscation proceeding is yet to be initiated and the vehicle is
lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list
reflects the seizure of 630 liters of illicit 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 yet to be initiated, 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 court below 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 further.

(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 prepared by the court below 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(local) 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 the final order passed in the confiscation proceeding as and when initiated.

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

(Jyoti Saran, J)

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(Arvind Srivastava, J)

