

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1297 of 2019

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Ravi Nath Giri Paras, aged about 61 years, Male, son of Late Bindeshwari Giri, Resident of Mohalla- Bhawanipur, Vidhya Sagar Balika Vidhya Mandir, P.S.- Doranda, District- Ranchi (Jharkhand).

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Gaya.
3. The Excise Deputy Commissioner, Gaya.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Gaya.
5. The Superintendent of Excise, Gaya.
6. Sri Ram Priti Kumar, the Excise Inspector, Mobile Team, Gaya, District- Gaya.

... .. Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : None
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Amaresh Kumar Sinha, AC to GA1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN
and
HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. NILU AGRAWAL
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 22-01-2019

None appears on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Amaresh Kumar Sinha, learned AC to GA-1 appears on behalf of the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Tata Zest Vehicle bearing registration No. JH-01DA/4046 30Q/4472, Engine No. 100A2000-0735989, Chasis No. MAT6244JPC04549, which has been seized in connection with Excise Case No. 365/18 for the offences punishable under section 30(a), 56(b) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.



It is stated by learned counsel for the State that 81 litres of Royal Stag foreign liquor and 32 litres of beer has been seized; the confiscation proceeding is yet to be initiated and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. He submits that the seizure list supports the seizure of the vehicle and 81 litres of Royal Stag foreign liquor and 32 litres of beer.

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 papers with respect to vehicle in question before the court below with one local surety alongwith 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) alongwith the bank guarantee to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document and the undertaking, as stated above. This would, however, be subject to the final order passed in the confiscation proceeding.



With the observations above, this writ petition is
allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Nilu Agrawal, J)

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