

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1549 of 2019

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Suresh Mahto Bhola Mahto R/o- Village- Raghuvr chak rampatti, P.- ramatti
P.S.-Rajnagar, Madhubani

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar and Ors the Secretary of Excise Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
2. The District Magistrate Madhubani
3. The Incharge of Police station Rajnagar, Madhubani

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Md. Soban Asghar, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Kumar Manish, SC5

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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 : 28-01-2019

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel appearing on behalf of the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Motorcycle bearing Chasis No. MBLJAR025JGF07197 Engine
No. 07ERJGF12340, which has been seized in connection with
Rajnagar P.S. Case No. 379 of 2018, G.R. No.1811 of 2018 for
the offences punishable under Sections 272/273 and 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 18 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 two sureties (one local) to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document. The petitioner while submitting the sureties 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 Panchnama in course of trial.

The release shall be allowed within a period of 14 days from the date of submission of the sureties and the undertakings as stated above. This release would however, be subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding if any.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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