

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2005 of 2019

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Madan Prasad, son of Sri Chait Shah, Resident of Village- Ghatav Gola P.S-
Kundra, District- Kaimur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Sasaram.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Rohtas.
4. The Sub Inspector of Police in charge SHO, Dinara Police Station, Bikramganj, District- Rohtas Bihar.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ganga Prasad Bimal, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kumar Manish, SC-5

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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 : 04-02-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Mahindra Bolero Pickup bearing registration No. BR45G-4493,
which has been seized in connection with Dinara P.S. Case No. 324
of 2017, District- Rohtas for the offences punishable under sections
30(a)/36 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 960
bottles of foreign wine each containing 750 ml has been seized; the
confiscation proceeding is yet to be initiated and the vehicle is lying
under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list supports the
seizure of the Mahindra Bolero Pickup and 960 bottles of foreign



wine each containing 750 ml.

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 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) alongwith the Bank Guarantee or title deed of immovable property situated in the district, 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. The title deed papers shall remain in safe custody of the confiscating authority subject to final decision in the confiscation proceedings.

With the observations above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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