

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1526 of 2019

Yogendra Singh Son of late Kuldeep Singh Resident of Village- Kundwa
Kala, P.S. Husainabad, Distt. Palamu, (Jharkhand), At Present residing at
Village- Bhawant Khap, P.O. and P.S. Nabinagar, Distt. Aurangabad

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar and Ors through the Principal Secretary, Department of
Excise and Prohibition, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
2. The Excise Commissioner, Magadh Division, Gaya
3. The District Magistrate Cum Collector, Aurangabad
4. The Superintendent of Police, Aurangabad
5. The Excise Superintendent, Aurangabad. Bihar

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Kamendra Pd. Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar, SC11

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
Bajaj Platina Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR-26L-
1581, Chasis No. PF2RGF-13761 Engine No. MD2A76A-
2BGRF88975, which has been seized in connection with
Aurangabad Excise Case No. 369 of 2018 for the offences
punishable under Sections 30(a) & 37(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 16 litres 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 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, Aurangabad 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 Panchanama in course of trial.

Subject to the above conditions, following the views expressed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court and in tune with that, we dispose of this application.

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 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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