

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1344 of 2019

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Ramayodhya Kumar Bandhu Mahto resident of Village- Matakota, Near
Power House, P.S. Jogapatti, District- West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar and Ors through the Principal Secretary, Excise and Prohibition Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Excise and Prohibition Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector-cum- District Magistrate, West Champaran at Bettiah.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Bettiah, West Champaran.
5. The Officer-in- Charge, Jogapatti Police Station, Jogapatti, District- West Champaran.
6. The Investigating Officer, Jogapatti P.S. Case No. 568/2018, Jogapatti, District- West Champaran.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjeev Kumar
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Anil Kumar Sinha (Ga1)

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

Date : 23-01-2019

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

This application has been filed seeking provisional
release of the vehicle (Motorcycle) bearing Registration No. BR-
22Y/9506, Chasis No. MD634KE49G2H08962 seized in
connection with Jogapatti P.S. Case No. 568 of 2018 dated
25.11.2018 registered under Section 30 (a) of the Bihar Prohibition
& Excise Act, 2016. It has been stated that from the vehicle in



question 1 liter illicit liquor have been recovered. It is submitted that no confiscation proceeding for the vehicle in question is pending.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the vehicle is lying under open sky under the Police Station and if release is not allowed the vehicle is likely to become a junk and in such circumstance, the State is not going to gain anyway in confiscation proceeding. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is willing to provide such surety and undertakings which may be required to protect the interest of the State during the pendency of the confiscation.

Learned counsel for the State is present and submits that in the given facts and circumstances of this case if at all the Court is willing to consider provisional release of the vehicle then interest of the State is required to be protected.

In the given facts and circumstances where no confiscation proceeding is presently pending, let the vehicle in question be released provisionally in favour of the petitioner on the petitioner's producing the document of ownership and registration 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 future.

(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 Panchnama 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 submission of the surety along with the undertakings as stated above. This release would, however, be



subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding
if any.

The writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Nilu Agrawal, J)

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