

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1682 of 2019**

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Rajesh Kumar Mandal, Male, aged about 24 years, S/o - Prahlad Mandal, R/o Village- Mohanpur, Ward No. 4, P.S.- Madhupur, District- Deoghar, Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna
3. The Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Madhepura.
4. The Superintendent of Excise, Madhepura.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Madhepura.

... .. Respondents

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ajit Kumar, Adv.  
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vivek Prasad, GP 7

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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 : 30-01-2019**

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Tata Magic vehicle bearing registration No. JH 15 N-0797, which has been seized in connection with Murliganj P.S. Case No. 269/2018 for the offences punishable under sections 30(a)/41(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise(Amendment) Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 315 litres of Royal Stag Whisky has been seized; he has no knowledge about the confiscation proceeding and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in



the police station. The seizure list supports the seizure of the vehicle and 315 litres of Royal Stag Whisky.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking note of the nature of seizure made, 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)**

**( Arvind Srivastava, J)**

Archana/  
Surendra/-

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