

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2239 of 2019

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Riya Kumari, aged about-21 years, Daughter of Rajiv Prasad, Resident of
4/205 N.H.-28, Sraiya, Gopalganj, Manikpur Gopalganj-841428

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Excise Commissioner, New Secretariat, Patna
2. D.M. Gopalganj, Gopalganj
3. The Superintendent of Gopalganj
4. The Excise Inspector Excise, Gopalganj

.. ... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Archana Sinha @ Archana Shahi, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar, SC 11

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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 : 07-02-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Hero
Scooty bearing Engine No. JF33ABJ4F01950, Chasis No.
MBLIFW018J4F02007, which has been seized in connection with
Yadipur P.S. Case No. 98/18 for the offences punishable under
sections 272/273 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 30(a) of the
Excise Act, 2016.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that
inadvertently statement is made in paragraph-8 of the writ petition
that the vehicle has been confiscated when the fact is that notice in
confiscation proceeding fixing 19.02.2019 has been issued when



the petitioner has been asked to be present. It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 8.100 litres of Royal Stag Whisky has been seized and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list supports the seizure of the Hero Scooty and 8.100 litres of Royal Stag Whisky.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking note of the nature of seizure made as well as the fact that the notice in the confiscation proceeding has been issued, 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 Panchanama 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, which would however be subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding, if any.

With the observations above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

Archana/
Surendra/-

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