

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1941 of 2019

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Sunil Kumar Singh, son of Sri Ramlakhan Singh, Resident of Village-
Rampurdi @ Dihampur, P.S.- Bishanpur, District- Darbhanga, Bihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. The Principal Secretary, Prohibition Excise and Registration Department,
Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Excise Commissioner, Prohibition Excise and Registration Department,
Government of Bihar, Patna.
4. The District Transport Officer, Muzaffarpur.
5. The District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Muzaffarpur.
6. The Superintendent of Excise, Muzaffarpur.
7. The Superintendent of Police, Muzaffarpur.
8. The Officer-in-Charge, Katra Police Station, Muzaffarpur.
9. The Excise Inspector, Chhata Chowk, Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Amit Pandey, 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 : 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
Bajaj Pulsar 150 motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR07V
9589, Engine No.DHZCFJ77248, Chasis
No.MD2A11CZ4FCJ06616, which has been seized in
connection with Katra P.S. Case No.189 of 2018 District
Muzaffarpur for the offences punishable under sections
30(a)/36/38 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that



26.460 litres of foreign wine has been seized; the confiscation proceeding is pending though notice not served and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list supports the seizure of the motorcycle and 26.460 litres of foreign wine.

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 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 finalization of the confiscation proceeding.

With the observations above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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