

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2271 of 2019

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Ram Janam Mahto, aged about 44 years (Male) Son of Ram Chalitra Resident
of Village- Rewasi, Police Station- Riga, District- Sitamarhi

... .. 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, Sitamarhi
4. The Superintendent of Excise, Sitamarhi

... .. Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pushpendra Kumar Singh
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar (Sc11)

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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 Bajaj
Platina motorcycle bearing registration No. BR30C-0145, Engine
No. DVVBRB38833, Chasis No. MD2DDDZZRPB38960,
which has been seized in connection with Complaint Case No. C-
2/334/2018 for the offences punishable under section 30(A) of the
Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 3
litres of Nepali wine has been seized; the confiscation proceeding
is yet to be initiated and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in



the police station. The seizure list supports the seizure of the motorcycle and 3 litres of Nepali 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 initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding, if any.

With the observations above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

Surendra/-

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