

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4418 of 2019

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Balwant Singh S/o Vinda Singh R/o Village- 101 (A) Model Town, P.S.-
Ambala City, Dist- Ambala, Haryana

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Excise Prohibition and Registration Department, Government of Bihar
2. The Collector cum District Magistrate, Gopalganj
3. The Superintendent of Police Excise Gopalganj
4. The Superintendent of Police Gopalganj
5. The Officer-in-Charge Hatwa Police Station Gopalganj

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Prabhakar Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vivek Prasad, GP7

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 29-04-2019

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

This application has been filed seeking provisional
release of the vehicle (Swift Car) bearing Registration No.
HR49E-0126 seized in connection with Thawe P.S. Case No. 227
of 2018 registered under Section 30 (a)/37(b)/35/38 of the Bihar
Prohibition & Excise Act, 2016. It is stated that the car has been
purchased and the registration number at that stage was in the
name of the original owner but has subsequently been transferred



in the name of the petitioner for which he produces a copy of the registration certificate.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that from the vehicle in question 375 M.L of 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 in 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.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and 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 designated 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 sureties along with the



undertakings as stated above. This release however, would be subject to the final order passed in confiscation proceeding.

The writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

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