

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2553 of 2019

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Santosh Kumar Bharti, aged about 34 years (M), son of Sri Suresh Ram, Flat No. 4/5, Shreshtha Apartment, Hill View Colony, Dimna Road, Mango P.O. M.G.M. Jamshedpur, East Singhbhum, (Jharkhand).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Gaya.
3. The Excise Superintendent, Gaya.
4. The SHO, Dobhi Police Station, Gaya.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shailesh Kumar, Advocate
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 : 14-02-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Hundai i20 Car bearing Registration No. JH05AV/2788, which has been seized in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 396 of 2018 for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a), 56(d) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that confiscation proceeding is yet to be initiated and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list



reflects the seizure of 3 liters of I.M.F.L.

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 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, if any, 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. This release would, however, be subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding, if any.

With the observations/directions above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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