

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3193 of 2019

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Lakshman Sah aged about 44 years, Gender- Male, Son of Daroga Sah,
Resident of Village-Joriyahi Bel Purnarvas, 10 Bairgainia, Belganj, P.S.-
Bairginia, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Principal Secretary, Excise Department,
Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director General of Police, Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Sitamarhi.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi.
5. The Sub Inspector Excise, Sitamarhi.
6. The A.S.I. cum SHO of Bairginiya Police Station, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Birendra Kumar
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vivek Prasad (GP 7)

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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 : 22-02-2019

Leave is granted to the learned counsel for the
petitioner to make correction in paragraph 1((i) of the writ
petition as regard the registration number as well as the
number of case number in course of the day.

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



The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Passion Pro Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR-30L-4120, Chasis No. MBLHA10BJFHE76429, Engine No. HA10ETFHE75532, which has been seized in connection with C-2-429 of 2018 for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) 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 18 liters of Nepali liquor.

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 designated Court below with two sureties 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, as and when initiated, 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.

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

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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