

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3302 of 2019**

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Niraj Chaudhary @ Pintu @ Niraj Kumar Chaudhary @ Niraj Kumar, (M),  
aged about 29 years, son of late Ramakant Chaudhary Resident of Village-  
Nilorukundarpur, P.S- Tisiauta, District- Vaishali at present Resident of  
Madhubani Patahi, P.S-Sadar, District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Secretary of Excise Department, Bihar at Patna
2. The Collector-cum- District Magistrate, Muzaffarpur Bihar
3. The Superintendent of Police, Muzaffarpur Bihar
4. The SHO of Ahiyapur P.S, District- Muzaffarpur Bihar

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vijay Kumar  
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kumar Manish (SC5)

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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**

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of  
Scorpio bearing Registration No. BR-06PB-9854, which has  
been seized in connection with Ahiyapur P.S. Case No. 1120 of  
2018 for the offences punishable under Sections 272 and 273 of  
the Indian Penal Code and 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 327.600 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 designated court below with one surety along with a Bank Guarantee or original title deed of immovable property situated within the district to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document. The petitioner while submitting the surety and the bank guarantee or the original title deed, as the case may be, 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, the designated Court below would get prepared a Panchanama 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 production of ownership/registration papers supporting the claim of the petitioner together with one surety along with the bank guarantee to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document and the undertakings as stated above. This release would, however, be subject to the initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding. The title deed papers, if produced, shall remain in safe custody of the court below subject to final decision in the



confiscation proceeding.

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

(Jyoti Saran, J)

( Arvind Srivastava, J)

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