

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3311 of 2019

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Sunil Kumar Mandal Son of Rajaram Mandal, R/o- village- Gadhiya, P.O.-
Bharphori, P.S.- Andharamath, District- Madhubani.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Principal Secretary, Prohibition Excise & Registration Department,
Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Excise Commissioner, Prohibition & Registration Department,
Government of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Collector, Madhubani.
5. The District Transport Officer, Madhubani.
6. The Excise Superintendent, Madhubani

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Manish Kumar No.13, Adv.
: Mr. Jitendra Kumar Bharti, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Kumar Manish (SC-5)

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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 the vehicle
bearing Registration No. BR32V9471, Engine No. FF1NH1860921,
Chasis No. MD625FF16H1N24101 which has been seized in
connection with Andhramath P.S. Case No. 52 of 2018 for the
offence punishable under Sections 272 and 273 of the Indian Penal
Code and Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.



It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that confiscation proceeding is pending and the vehicle in question is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 129 litres of Nepali Saufi.

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 pending, 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 Collector, Madhubani 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, 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 got prepared by the Collector, Madhubani 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 submissions of the one surety along with the Bank Guarantee and the undertakings as stated above. This release, however, would be subject to the final order passed in the confiscation proceeding.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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