

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4440 of 2019

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Rajesh Kumar (Male), aged about 23 years, Son of Shambhu Mahto, Village Dhekhan Bajar Mahuawa Tola, P.O. Dhekhan, P.S. Motihari Muffasil, District-East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Bihar Prohibition and Excise Department, Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, East Champaran, Motihari.
3. Superintendent of Police, East Champaran, Motihari.
4. Station House Officer, Motihari Town Police Station, Motihari District-East Champaran.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Ashok Kumar, Advocate
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 : 14-03-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Jeeto Mini Van bearing Registration No. BR 05PA 6693, Engine No. UEH3J 76717, Chasis No. MAIKJ2 UEE HSJ 68265, which has been seized in connection with Motihari Town P.S. Case No. 215 of 2018 for the offences punishable under Sections 30 (A) and 38 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 60 liters 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 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 designated 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 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 amount and the undertakings as stated above. This release would, however, be subject to initiation and finalisation of the confiscation proceeding. The title deed papers shall remain in safe custody



of the court below subject to final decision in the confiscation proceedings.

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

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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