

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3429 of 2019

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Gokhul Mandal @ Gokul Mandal Son of Late Jayram Mandal @ Tayram
Mandal Resident of Village- Baliadih, P.S. Forbesganj, District- Araria.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar and Ors through the Principal Secretary, Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate Araria.
4. The Superintendent of Police Araria.
5. The Station House Officer, Jogbani Police Station, Jogbani, Araria.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ramesh Kumar Singh, Adv.

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vivek Prasad (Gp7)

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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 : 28-02-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Motorcycle (Bajaj Platina) bearing Registration No. BR-38L-4522,
Engine No. PFYRJD85045, Chasis No. MD2A76AYOJRD64923 which
has been seized in connection with Jogbani P.S. Case No. 310 of
2018 corresponding to Special Case No. 1412 of 2018 for the
offence punishable under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and
Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that
confiscation proceeding is yet to be initiated and the vehicle in



question is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 45 litres of Nepali country liquor.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking note of 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 the final order passed in the confiscation proceeding as and when initiated.

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

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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