

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4166 of 2019

Arjun Sahni, aged about 22 years, Sex- Male, Son of Hari Sahni, Resident of Village-Paras Nagar, Ward No. 16, Police Station-Bagaha, District-West Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary-Cum-Commissioner, Prohibition Excise and Registration Department, Government of Bihar, Patna
2. The District Magistrate, West Champaran, Bettiah
3. The Superintendent of Police, Bagaha, West Champaran
4. The S.H.O., Bagaha Police Station, West Champaran (Bagaha)

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Arbind Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar (SC11)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SRIVASTAVA

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 11-03-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
TVS Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR-22V-9428, Chasis
No. MD 625CF15G1N25709, Engine No. CF1NG1X 96333, which
has been seized in connection with Bagaha P.S. Case No. 562 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 13.500 liters IMFL.

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, 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 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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