

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.3291 of 2019

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Ranjit Sah, aged about 39 years, Male, Son of Ram Dev Sah Resident of
Village- West Mohan Bigaha, Ward No.27, Police Station- Dihri (Town),
District- Rohtas at Sasaram

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna
2. The District Magistrate-cum-Confiscation Officer, Rohtas at Sasaram
3. The Superintendent of Police, Rohtas at Sasaram
4. The Station House Officer, Dehri (Town) Police Station, Rohtas at Sasaram

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Raghunandan Kumar Singh
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 : 22-02-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Maruti Omni Van bearing Registration No. BR-24D-5907,
which has been seized in connection with Dehri (Town) P.S.
Case No. 820 of 2018 for the offences punishable under
Sections 30(a) and 38(i)(ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise
Act.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that
confiscation proceeding is pending and the vehicle is lying



under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 35 liters of country made 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 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 District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Rohtas at Sasaram .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 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 Court below/District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Rohtas at Sasaram would got 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 submission of the sureties and the undertakings as stated above. This release would, however, be subject to 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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