

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5318 of 2019

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Sugia Devi, aged about 62 years, Gender-Female, W/o Late Ramdeo Mahto,
Resident of Village-Sanjha Dhiya, P.S.-Derni, District-Saran at Chapra.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Principal Secretary, Excise Department,
Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Excise Commissioner, New Secretariate, Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate Cum Collector, Saran at Chapra.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Saran at Chapra.
5. The Officer-in-charge of Derni Police Station of Saran district.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nawal Kishore Singh, Advocate
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 : 09-04-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Bolero Zeep bearing Registration No. BR-04J-6917, Chasis No.
MA1XA2GHKC5B20350, Engine No. GHC4A17013, which has
been seized in connection with Derni P.S. Case No. 97 of 2018
for the offences punishable under Sections 30/37 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 20 liters of country 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 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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