

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4770 of 2019**

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Anita Kumari D/o Ramgopal Singh W/o Vinod Kumar Singh, Resident of  
Road No. 25 E, Rajiv Nagar, Near Shiv Mandir, P.s.- Rajiv Nagar, Distt.-  
Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar and Ors through the Principal Secretary, Registration,  
Excise and Prohibition Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
2. The Principal Secretary Registration, Excise and Prohibition  
Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
3. The District Magistrate Muzaffarpur
4. The Superintendent of Police Muzaffarpur
5. The Superintendent of Excise Muzaffarpur
6. The Officer in Charge Bochahon Police Station, Muzaffarpur

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pranav Kumar Jha, 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 : 29-03-2019**

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

This application has been filed seeking provisional  
release of the vehicle (Maruti Suzuki Swift Dzire) bearing  
Registration No. BR-01BF-7556 which has been seized in  
connection with Bochahon P.S. Case No. 44 of 2019 for the offence  
punishable under Sections 272 and 273 of the Indian Penal Code  
and Sections 30(A) and 37(b) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act,  
2016.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that as per the  
seizure list 375 M.L. of IMFL have been recovered from the vehicle



in question. It is submitted that there is no information about confiscation proceeding.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the vehicle in question is lying under open sky in the Police Station and if release is not allowed the vehicle is likely to become a junk and in such circumstance, the State is not going to gain anyway in confiscation proceeding. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is willing to provide such surety and undertakings which may be required to protect the interest of the State during the pendency of the confiscation.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and in the given facts and circumstances where no confiscation proceeding is presently pending, let the vehicle in question be released provisionally in favour of the petitioner on the petitioner's producing the document of ownership and registration in his name before designated Court below with two sureties (one local) 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, 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 (one local) along with the undertakings as stated above. This release, however, would be subject to the final order passed in the confiscation proceeding, if any.

The writ petition is allowed.

**(Jyoti Saran, J)**

**( Arvind Srivastava, J)**

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