

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6488 of 2019

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Pawan Kumar Sahni, aged about 27 years, M, S/o Nand Lal Sahni, R/o Vill-
Thikha Thikaho Aswari, PS-Kathaiya, Distt.-Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Secretary, Department of Excise, Bihar, Patna
2. Secretary, Department of Excise, Bihar, Patna
3. The District Magistrate Cum Collector, Gopalganj, at Gopalganj
4. The Inspector of Police, Excise, Gopalganj at Gopalganj

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Amresh Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vivek Prasad (GP7)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 10-05-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Bolero
Pick Up Van bearing Registration No. BR06 GC 9643, Engine No.
TBJ1C37689, Chassis No. MA1ZN2TBKJ1C27514, which has been
seized in connection with Excise Case No. 178 of 2018 for the
offences punishable under Sections 30 (a) and 38(1) 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



about 198 liters of 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 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, Gopalganj 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 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 District Magistrate-cum-Collector, Gopalganj,



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 of the vehicle would, however, be subject to finalization of the confiscation proceeding. The title deed papers shall remain in safe custody of the Confiscating Authority subject to final decision in the confiscation proceedings.

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

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

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