

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6154 of 2019**

Robin Das, aged about 38 years (Male), Son of Late Bhuwan Das, Resident of  
Sarswatipara Rash Chowk, P.S.- Barsoi, District- Katihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Bihar Prohibition and Excise, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Katihar.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Katihar.
4. The Superintendent of Excise, Katihar.
5. The Officer in charge, Abadpur P.S., District- Katihar.

... .. Respondent/s

**Appearance :**

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

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN**

**and**

**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN**

**ORAL JUDGMENT**

**(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)**

**Date : 02-05-2019**

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the  
Splendor Plus Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR39X-2354,  
Chasis No. MBLHAR078HHD49733, Engine No.  
HA10AGHHD53575, which has been seized in connection with  
Abadpur P.S. Case No. 109 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 pending and the vehicle is lying



under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 26 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 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 Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Katihar 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, a *Panchanama* would be got prepared by the Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Katihar, 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)**

**( Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)**

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