

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6965 of 2019

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Manoj Kumar S/o Raj Kishor Prasad R/o Village-Marhipar, P.S.-Dhanarua,
District-Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Home Secretary, Department, Govt. of Bihar
2. The Commissioner Excise, Bihar, Patna
3. The Senior Superintendent of Police Patna
4. The Senior Superintendent of Police Patna
5. The Station House Officer Dhanarua, Patna

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Prem Prakash Poddar
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 : 17-05-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
vehicle (Mahindra Bolero) bearing Registration No.
BR01PG2739 which has been seized in connection with
Dhanarua P.S. Case No. 511 of 2017 for the offences punishable
under Sections 30(a)/37(b) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act,
2016.

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 5 litres 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 District Magistrate, Patna 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 further.

(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 prepared by the District Magistrate, Patna 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 if any.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

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