IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6332 of 2019

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Kamkhya Narayan Singh, aged about 56 years (male), Son of Late Ram Lakhan Singh, R/o Village-Bara, P.S.-Chhaterpur (Plamu) Jharkhand.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Secretary, Department of Excise, Government of Bihar, Patna
2. The District Magistrate, Aurangabad
3. The Superintendent of Police, Aurangabad
4. The Officer in Charge N.T.P.C. Khaira Police Station, District-Aurangabad

... ... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Leelawati Kumari, Advocate

For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vikash Kumar (SC11)

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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 : 07-05-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the vehicle Scorpio bearing Registration No. JH01AX6268, Engine No. MHC4M40695, Chassis No. MA1TA2MHNC2M63114, which has been seized in connection with N.T.P.C. Khaira P.S. Case No. 12 of 2019 for the offences punishable under Section 30 (a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

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

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seizure of 360 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 one (Local) 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, 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

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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 (Local) 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 initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding. The title deed papers shall remain in safe custody of the designated Court below 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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