

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.8768 of 2019

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Sonu Kumar Son of Vijay Sharma Resident of Village-Simariya, P.S. Jokihat,
District-Araria.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar through the Chief Secretary Old Secretariat Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Excise Department Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector, Araria.
4. The District Transport Officer, Araria.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Araria.
6. The Excise Superintendent, Araria.
7. The Station House Officer, Jokihat, Police Station, Araria
8. The Master Vehicle Inspector, Araria.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gopal Kumar Jha
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar (Sc11)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 09-07-2019

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

The petitioner is owner of the motorcycle and prays
for provisional release of the said motorcycle bearing
Registration No. nil, Engine No. BE4KJ2462207 Chassis No.
MD634BE48J2K63151, which has been seized in connection
with Jokihat P.S. Case No. 62 of 2019 for the offences
punishable under Sections 272, 273 and 34 of the Indian Penal



Code and Section 30(a) 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 supports the seizure of the motorcycle and 6 litres 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, Araria 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 prepared by the District Magistrate, Araria 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 if any.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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