

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.7499 of 2019

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Pankaj Kumar Gupta, Son of Shri Shivjee Sah, Resident of Village-
Gangapur, P.S. Mushahari, District Muzaffarpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Chief Secretary, Old Secretariat, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Excise, Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Collector, Muzaffarpur, District Muzaffarpur.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Muzaffarpur, District Muzaffarpur.
5. The S.H.O. Mushahari P.S. Muzaffarpur, District Muzaffarpur.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Nitu Kumari, Adv.

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vivek Prasad, GP-7

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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 : 16-05-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Scorpio S5 (new car without number) bearing Engine No.
SJK4B19297, Chasis No. MA1T2SJXK2B25890, which has been
seized in connection with Mushahari P.S. Case No.83 of 2019,
District Muzaffarpur for the offences punishable under section
30(a), 36 and 38 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that
though it is a case of drunken driving but two bottles of beer has
been seized from the car; the confiscation proceeding is yet to be
initiated and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police



station. The seizure list supports the seizure of Scorpio car and two bottles of beer.

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 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 designated court below 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, which would however be subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding, if any.

With the observations above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

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