

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.8279 of 2019

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Dhananjoy Mandal S/o Anand Mandal Resident of Village- Hariyari, P.S.-
Thoraiya District- Godda (Jharkhand).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Through its Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Collector/ District Magistrate Banka.
3. The Excise Deputy Commissioner Banka.
4. The Superintendent of Police Banka.
5. The Superintendent of Excise Banka.
6. The S.H.O. Panjwara Police Station, dist.- Banka.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Abhoy Kumar Kashyap, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr.Vivek Prasad (Gp7)

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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 : 15-07-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Scorpio vehicle bearing registration No. JH17L0977 Engine No. TDH4A79122 Chasis No. MA1TA2TDKH2A18606 which has been seized in connection with Panjwara P.S. Case No. 111 of 2018 for the offences punishable under sections 30(a) and 32(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 72 litres of IMFL has been seized; 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 the Scorpio vehicle and 72 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 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 papers with respect to vehicle in question before the designated court below with one surety (local) alongwith 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 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 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 production of ownership/registration papers supporting the claim of the petitioner together with one surety (local) alongwith the Bank Guarantee or title deed of immovable property situated in the district, to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document and the undertaking, as stated above. This release 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 above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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