

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10393 of 2019

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Ashok Kumar son of Balram Prashad @ Baliram Patel resident of Village-
Bhitha Madhiya, P.S. Bairiya, District- West Champaran at Bettiah.
... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Excise Department,
Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, West Champaran, Bettiah.
3. The Superintendent of Police, West Champaran, Bettiah.
4. The S.H.O. Bettiah Muffasil.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Vibhakar Kumar
For the Respondent/s : Mr.(Ga1)

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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 : 06-08-2019

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

The petitioner is owner of Tractor (Eicher) and
prays for provisional release of his vehicle bearing Registration
No. BR22G-8436 which has been seized in connection with
Bettiah Muffasil P.S. Case No. 586 of 2018 for the offences
punishable under Sections 30(a), 31, 35, 38, 41, 56(d) 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 720 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, West Champaran, Bettiah with one 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 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, West Champaran, Bettiah 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 one surety along with a Bank Guarantee or the original title deed of immovable property situated in the district, as the case may be, to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document and the undertakings, as stated above. This release would, however, be subject to finalization of the confiscation proceeding. The title deed papers shall remain in safe custody of the confiscating authority subject to final decision in the confiscation proceedings.

The writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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