

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9654 of 2019**

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Satendra Prasad Son of Krishna Prasad 20, Shri Ambica Nagar, B/H Guru Residing at 427, Mahavir Nagar, Near Bachubhai Nokura, Vatva, Ahmedabad, Gujrat. Permanent residence of Village- Soradih, P.S.- Telmar, District- Nalanda.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Secretary, Department of Excise, Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Nalanda at Bihar Sharif.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Nalanda at Bihar Sharif.
4. The Police Inspector cum S.H.O. Harnaut Telmar Police Station.

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Pramod Kumar Sinha, Advocate  
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 : 22-07-2019**

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Hyundai Model EON ERA-BSIV bearing registration No. GJ27BL3784, Engine No. G3HAHM498159 and Chassis No. MALA251ALHM546034 which has been seized in connection with Harnaut Telmar P.S. Case No. 247 of 2018 for the offence punishable under sections 272 and 273 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 5 litres of country liquor 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 Hyundai EON Car and 5 litres 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 two sureties (one local) 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 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)**

**( Partha Sarthy, J)**

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