

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9011 of 2019

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Ranjit Kumar Mandal S/o Ram Nath Mandal R/o Village- Gadhiya, P.O.-
Bharphori, P.S. Andharamath, District- Madhubani.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Principal Secretary, Prohibition Excise and Registration Department,
Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Excise Commissioner, Prohibition and Registration Department, Govt.
of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Collector, Madhubani.
5. The District Transport Officer, Madhubani.
6. The Excise Superintendent, Madhubani.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Manish Kumar No 13, 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
TVS Star City Motorcycle bearing Registration No.
BR50L2329, Chassis No. MD625FF12J3L49103, Engine No.
FF1LJ18A6676 which has been seized in connection with
Andharamath P.S. Case No. 32 of 2019 for the offences
punishable under sections 272 and 273 of the Indian Penal Code
and section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act,
2016.



It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 33.900 litres of Nepali liquor has been seized; the 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 33.900 litres of Nepali 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 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, Madhubani 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, Madhubani 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 final orders passed in the confiscation proceeding.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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