

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.9503 of 2019

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Deepika Gautam Daughter of Pramod Kumar, W/o Mr. Abhishek Kumar
Resident of 760-A, Officers Railway Colony, GPO- P.S. Civil Lines, District-
Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, Pin- 211001. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Chief Secretary.
2. The Principal Secretary, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar.
3. The District Magistrate, Buxar.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Buxar.
5. S.S.T. Magistrate (Static Surveillance Team Magistrate), Veer Kunwar Singh Setu, Buxar.
6. The Excise Sub Inspector, Sadar Circle, Buxar.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shantanu Kumar
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 PARTHA SARTHY)

Date : 18-07-2019

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

The petitioner is owner of the Maruti Suzuki Swift
Dzire car and prays for provisional release of his car bearing
Registration No. UP70ES1789, Chassis No.
MA3CZF63SKA482869, Engine No. K12MN2316604, which
has been seized in connection with Town Case No. 30(o)19
(District- Buxar) for the offences punishable under Section
30(a) 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 supports the seizure of the vehicle and 900 ml. of beer and 375 ml. 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 her name before the District Magistrate, Buxar 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 District Magistrate, Buxar 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 finalization of the confiscation proceeding if any.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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