

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10960 of 2019

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Ram Kewal Choudhary Son of Ram Ratan Choudhary R/o Village-Kama
Bigha, P.S.-Aurangabad (T), District-Aurangabad Petitioner/s
Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Principal Secretary, Department of Prohibition and Excise, New Secretariat, Patna
2. The District Magistrate Gaya at Gaya
3. The Superintendent of Police Gaya at Gaya
4. The Officer-in-Charge Barachatti Police Station District-Gaya
5. The Excise Officer Gaya

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Tej Narayan Singh
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Kumar Manish (SC-5)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVAJI PANDEY
and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVAJI PANDEY)

Date : 21-08-2019

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Counsel for the State.

The petitioner is owner of Bolero Jeep and prays
for provisional release of his vehicle bearing Registration No.
OR09G3423 which has been seized in connection with
Barachatti P.S. Case No. 05 of 2019 for the offences punishable
under Sections 30(a), 38 and 47 of the 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 vehicle and 350 litres of spirit.

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, Gaya 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, Gaya 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.

(Shivaji Pandey, J)

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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