

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.17676 of 2018

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Amitava Ghosh @ Amitabh Ghosh Son of Late Ashim Kumar Ghosh, R/o
Village-Ahmadhpur, P.S.-Senthia, District-Birbhoon, West Bengal
... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar
2. The Collector, Purnea.
3. The Deputy Collector, Incharge, District Law Section, Purnea.
4. The Superintendent of Excise, Purnea.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Purnea.
6. The Inspector, Excise, Purnea.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dr. Bidhu Ranjan
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vikash Kumar - SC11

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SRIVASTAVA
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 18-02-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Hyundai i10 car bearing Registration No. JH05Z-7286, which has
been seized in connection with Case No. C1-199 of 2018 for the
offences punishable under Sections 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act which has given rise to Confiscation
Case No. 111 of 2018.

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 6.850 Liters of I.M.F.L .

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 Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Purnea, 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 got prepared by the Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Purnea 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.

With the observations/directions above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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