

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.17557 of 2018

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Jai Prakash @ Jai Prakash Singh Son of Late Deep Narayan Singh, Resident
of Village- Govindpur, P.S.- Govindpur, District- East Singhbhum
Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar and Ors
2. The Divisional Commissioner, Excise Department, Gaya Division at Gaya.
3. The District Magistrate, Gaya.
4. The Superintendant of Police.
5. A.S.I., Excise Sherghati Cum Imamganj, Division, Gaya.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjay Kr. Sinha
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Anil Kr. Sinha- Ga 1

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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 for the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Tata
Indigo vehicle bearing Registration No. JH05AL-0237, Engine No.
475IDT14CYYP15816, Chasis No. MAT607161BWC10526 which
has been seized in connection with Excise Case No. 372 of 2017 for
the offence 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 in question is



lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 160 litres of country made 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, Gaya with one local 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, if any, 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 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 the Bank Guarantee and the undertakings as stated above. This release, however, would be subject to the final order passed in the confiscation proceeding.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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