

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.25015 of 2018

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Baijanath Chaudhari @ Baijnath Chaudhari son of Devraj Chaudhari resident
of Village- Gangahar, Police Station Nokha, District- Rohtas at Sasaram.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The District Magistrate-cum-Confiscation Officer, Rohtas at Sasaram.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Rohtas at Sasaram.
4. The Station House Officer, Nokha

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Raghunandan Kumar Singh, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vikash Kumar- SC11

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

Date : 29-04-2019

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Tempo
bearing Registration No. BR-26PA-2875, Engine No. R8C2953909,
Chasis No. MA1LE2FXSJ3C27871, which has been seized in
connection with Nokha P.S. Case No. 293 of 2018 for the offences
punishable under Section 30(a) 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 266.400 litres of illicit 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, Rohtas 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 further.

(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 court below 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 and the undertakings as stated above. This release however, would be subject to the final order passed in confiscation proceeding.

The writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

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