

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.18478 of 2019

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Gautam Kumar @ Gautam Kumar Jha Son of late Vinod Jha, R/o at Motipur,
P.O. Akhta, P.S. Suppi, District- Sitamarhi. ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary Excise Department
Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Collector, Sitamarhi.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi.
4. The S.H.O. Sitamarhin Police Station, Distt. Sitamarhi.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ritesh Kumar Narain Singh, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vikash Kumar (Sc11)

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT KUMAR
SRIVASTAVA**

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH

ORAL JUDGMENT

**(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT KUMAR
SRIVASTAVA)**

Date : 16-12-2019

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned
counsel for the State.

The petitioner seeks release of his TVS Star City
Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR 55B 5419 which was
seized in connection with Sitamarhi Police Station Case No.
C2/200/19 registered for the offence punishable under section
30A of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the
confiscation proceedings has not been initiated as yet but the
learned counsel of the State submits that he is not in a position



to confirm the contention of the petitioner regarding initiation of the confiscation proceedings and therefore he will seek the report from the concerned District Collector about the initiation of confiscation proceeding.

In view of the aforesaid submission as well as in the facts and circumstances of the case, this writ application stands disposed of with a direction to the concerned Court to seek a report from the District Collector about initiation of confiscation proceeding in respect of seized vehicle in connection with Sitamarhi Police Station Case No. C2/200/19 within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order and if the report of the concerned District Collector reflects that the confiscation proceeding has already been initiated, in that event, the concerned court shall not release the seized vehicle in favour of the petitioner, but if the report of the District Collector reveals that the confiscation proceedings has not been initiated as yet in respect of seized vehicle, the concerned Court shall release the seized vehicle provisionally in favour of the petitioner on production of ownership and registration papers with respect to the vehicle in question before the court below on the execution of bond of Rs.50,000/- within two weeks from the date of receipt/production of this order, with



the condition that the petitioner shall not transfer or alienate the said vehicle without prior permission of the concerned Court and shall produce the aforesaid vehicle whenever and wherever it is required by the Court till final disposal of the confiscation proceedings.

Furthermore, it is made clear that if the confiscation proceedings has been initiated in respect of the seized vehicle, the concerned District Collector shall conclude the aforesaid confiscation proceeding within 60 days from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

(Hemant Kumar Srivastava, J)

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(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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