

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.16155 of 2018

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Ravi Ranjan Kumar @ Ravi Ranjan Ram, Son of Ram Kumar Ram, resident of Village and P.O. Akhgaon, P.S. Sandesh Distt.- Bhojpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through its Principal Secretary Excise Department.
2. The Director, General Of Police, Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Ara.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Ara.
5. The Officer-In-charge Ayar Police Station, Distt.- Bhojpur.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shiv Prasad Gupta
For the Respondent/s : Mr Vivek Prasad - GP-7

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SRIVASTAVA

ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

3 07-01-2019 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Bajaj Discover bearing Registration No. BR03N 8813, Chasis No. MD2A64CZ8ERF01397 Engine No. JEZREF16872, which has been seized in connection with Ayar P.S. Case No. 42 of 2018 for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that no confiscation proceeding is pending and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 4 litre Mahua liquor.



Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking note of the nature of seizure made as well as the fact that no 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 court below 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 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.

Subject to the above conditions, following the views expressed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court and in tune with that, we dispose of this application.

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 would, however, be subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding if any.

With the observations, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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