

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No. 18871 of 2019

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Arun Kumar Jha (Male) aged about 35 years,, Son of Late Ramdeo Jha,
Resident of Mohalla- C/o Nalini Ranjan, Rajeev Nagar, Road No. 24, P.S.-
Rajeev Nagar, District- Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar, through the Principal Secretary, Department of Excise,
Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Sitamarhi, District- Sitamarhi.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi, District- Sitamarhi.
4. The Inspector, Excise, Task Force, Sitamarhi.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Arun Kumar Singh
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 4-wheeler i.e. Tata
Tiago XZ Car, bearing Registration No. BR01ED-7122, which was
seized in connection with a case i.e. C2-505 of 2019 registered for
the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.



It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that petitioner has no knowledge about initiation of confiscation proceeding since no notice has been received by the petitioner. On being asked, the learned counsel of the State submits that he is not in a position to say as to whether confiscation proceeding has been initiated or not and therefore he will seek a 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 C2-505 of 2019 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. 5,00,000/- within two weeks from the date of receipt of report of District Magistrate, 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 proceeding has been initiated in respect of the seized vehicle, the concerned District Collector shall initiate the confiscation proceedings and conclude the same 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)

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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