

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.20121 of 2019

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Virendra Sahni S/o Shanibhar Sahni R/o Village- Duharpatti Pupri @
Dumharputti, P.S.- Pupri, Dist.- Sitamarhi. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Excise and Prohibition Act Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate Madhubani.
3. The Superintendent of Police Madhubani.
4. The Officer-in-Charge, Madhwapur, Madhubani, District- Madhubani.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjay Kumar Jha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vikash Kumar (SC-11)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVAJI PANDEY

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVAJI PANDEY)

Date : 17-12-2019

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 Motorcycle bearing registration No. BR-30T-4513,
which has been seized in connection with Madhwapur P.S. Case
No. 30 of 2019 for the offences punishable under section 272, 273
of the Indian Penal Code and Section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 171
litres of Nepali liquour has been seized, the petitioner has not been
made an accused, the confiscation proceeding is yet to be initiated
and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station.



The seizure list supports the seizure of the motorcycle and 171 litres of Nepali 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 yet to be initiated, we direct that the vehicle in question be released provisionally in favour of the petitioner on production of ownership and registration papers with respect to vehicle in question before the designated court below with two sureties proportionate to the value of the vehicle, looking to the age 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 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 and shall not alienate the vehicle during this period as well as he will not change the feature of the vehicle in any manner.



(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/proceeding.

The release of the vehicle shall be allowed within a period of 14 days from the date of submission of the sureties and the undertakings as stated above.

This release would, however, be subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding.

With the observations above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Shivaji Pandey, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

V.K.Pandey/-

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