

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.19894 of 2019

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Chanda Devi Wife of Late Raj Kumar Sah Resident of Village/ Mohallah-
Parmanandpur, P.S. Sonepur, District- Saran at Chapra (Bihar).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Registration, Excise and Prohibition Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Saran at Chapra, District- Saran (Bihar).
4. The Superintendent of Excise, Saran at Chapra, District- Saran (Bihar).
5. The Superintendent of Police, Saran at Chapra, District- Saran (Bihar).
6. The Vehicle Inspector, Saran at Chapra, District- Saran (Bihar).
7. The Officer In- Charge, Nayagaon Police Station, District- Saran at Chapra, (Bihar).
8. The Investigating Officer, Nayagaon Police Station, District- Saran at Chapra, (Bihar).

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Rakesh Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Vivek Prasad (GP7)

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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 : 16-12-2019

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel appearing on behalf of the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the
Apache Motorcycle bearing Engine No.BE4KJ2055993 and
Chassis No. MD634BE41J2K59815, which has been seized in



connection with Nayagaon P.S. Case No. 81 of 2019 for the offences punishable under sections 188, 272, 273 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 30 & 38 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 25.920 litres of IMFL has been seized, the petitioner has not been made an accused, the vehicle has not been registered, 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 said motorcycle and 25.920 litres of IMFL.

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 with respect to vehicle in question in his name before the designated court below with two sureties 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 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.

(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 designated 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 sureties and the undertakings as stated above, which would however be subject to initiation and finalization of the confiscation proceeding, if any as also subject to verification and authenticity of the petitioner.



With the observations above, this writ petition is
allowed.

(Shivaji Pandey, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

V.K.Pandey/-

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