

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.19052 of 2019

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Saurav Kumar Choudhary S/o Saroj Kumar Choudhary Resident of Hanuman
Tikari Near Kali Mandir, P.s.- Deoghat (Town), Distt.- Deoghat (Jharkhand)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Prohibition and Excise, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
2. The District Magistrate Munger
3. The Superintendent of Police Munger
4. Officer in-charge Cum S.H.O. Muffasil Police Station, Munger

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Kamal Kishore Jha
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 appearing for the petitioner
as well as learned counsel for the State.

The petitioner seeks release of his car bearing
Registration No. JH15L-8626 which was seized in connection
with **Muffasil P.S. Case No. 224 of 2018** under Section 30, 32
of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

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



confirm the contention of the petitioner regarding initiation of the confiscation proceeding 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 Muffasil P.S. Case No. 224 of 2018 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 proceeding 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 execution of bond of **Rs. 5,00,000/- (Five Lakhs)** within two weeks from the date of



receipt of report of the District Collector, with the condition that the petitioner shall not alienate or transfer 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 proceeding.

Furthermore, It is made clear that if the confiscation proceeding has already been initiated in respect of the seized vehicle, the concerned District Collector shall conclude the same within **sixty 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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