

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.20281 of 2019

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Mukesh Raut @ Mukesh Rawat, son of Late Upendra Raut @ Upendra Rawat, Resident of village- Majhouliya, P.S.- bathnaha, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary of the Excise Department, Bihar at Patna.
2. The Collector cum District Magistrate, Sitamarhi.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi.
4. The Officer-in-Charge, Mejorgunj, Police Station, Sitamarhi.
5. The Excise Officer, Sitamarhi.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ranjeet Kumar Mishra
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 : 17-12-2019

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to make necessary correction in the body of the petition.

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

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR30Q1298, which has been seized in connection with C2/546/18/650/18 for the offences punishable under Sections 30 (a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that



confiscation proceeding is yet to be initiated and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 18 liters of Nepali Saufi wine.

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

With the observations/directions above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Shivaji Pandey, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

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