

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.20021 of 2019

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Jaleshwar Ray, Son of Hukumdev Ray, R/o Village- Samlong Bhuiya Toli,
P.S. Namkum, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. Excise Commissioner, Bihar, Patna.
3. D.M. Nalanda.
4. S.P. Excise, Nalanda.
5. S.I. Excise, Nalanda.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Rina Sinha, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr.Kumar Manish (SC5)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVAJI PANDEY
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVAJI PANDEY)

2 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
Hundai I 20 car bearing Registration No. JH01DN7192, which
has been seized in connection with Excise Case No. 305 c
3Ex/2019 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 375 ml. 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 (one local) 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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