

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No. 22655 of 2018**

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Roobiya Khatoon, Wife of Sri Maloo Khan, resident of Village- Balepur Kala  
Salempur, P.S.-Khukhundu, Dist.- Deoria, Uttar Pradesh.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Excise Department,  
Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary Excise, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Motihari, East Champaran.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Motihari, East Champaran.
5. The Excise Superintendent, Department of Excise Motihari, East  
Champaran.
6. The S.H.O., P.S. Chatauni, Matihani, East Champaran.

... .. Respondent/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Subodh Kumar Mishra, Advocate  
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar- SC11

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN**  
**and**  
**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN**  
**ORAL JUDGMENT**  
**(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)**

**Date : 22-04-2019**

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
counsel for the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the  
Bolero (Pickup) bearing Registration No. UP52T3319, Engine  
No. MA1ZN2GHKGK32582, Chassis No. GHG1C22698, which has  
been seized in connection with Chatauni P.S. Case No. 101 of  
2017 for the offences punishable under Section 30 (A) of the  
Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.



It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that confiscation proceeding is pending and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list reflects the seizure of 910 liters 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 pending, 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 District Magistrate, Motihari, East Champaran with one (Local) surety along with a Bank Guarantee or original title deed of immovable property situated within the district to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance document. The petitioner while submitting the surety and the bank guarantee or the original title deed, as the case may be, 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 got prepared by the District Magistrate, Motihari, East Champaran, 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 production of ownership/registration papers supporting the claim of the petitioner together with one (Local) surety along with the bank guarantee to the extent of the value of the vehicle as indicated in the insurance amount and the undertakings as stated above. This release of the vehicle would, however, be subject to finalization of the confiscation



proceeding. The title deed papers shall remain in safe custody of the Confiscating Authority subject to final decision in the confiscation proceedings.

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

**(Jyoti Saran, J)**

**( Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)**

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