

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.16189 of 2018

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Lokesh Kumar Ray, S/o Surendra Prasad Ray, Resident of Near Reliance
Tawar, Ward No. 07, Gram-Post-Chatiya Areraj, District-East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Excise Department, New Secretary, Patna.
2. The Excise Commissioner, Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Gopalganj.
4. The Senior Deputy Collector, District-Legal Branch, District- Gopalganj.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anang Mohan Sinha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vikash Kumar -SC-11

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SRIVASTAVA
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JYOTI SARAN)

2 07-01-2019 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the

Scorpio bearing Registration No. BR-05T-9009, Chasis No.

MA1TA25JXG2C26038, Engine No. SJG4C10265, which has

been seized in connection with Barauli P.S. Case No. 155 of

2018 for the offences punishable under Sections 30 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 930 ml. English 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 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 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 further.

(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 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.

Subject to the above conditions, following the views expressed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court and in tune with that, we dispose of this application.

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



With the observations, this writ petition is
allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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