IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.20531 of 2018

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Md. Sahid @ Md. Sahid Alam, S/o Md. Muslim, Resident of Village Kamaldaha, P.S. Kurnakata, District Araria.

... ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Chief Secretary, Old Secretariat, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Principal Secretary, Excise Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector, Araria.
4. The District Transport Officer, Araria.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Araria.
6. The Excise Superintendent, Araria.
7. The Station House Officer, Kursakanta (Buasi) Police Station, Araria.
8. The Motor Vehicle Inspector, Araria.

... ... Respondents

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gopal Kumar Jha, Adv.
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Vivek Prasad, GP 7

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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 appearing on behalf of the State.

The petitioner prays for provisional release of the Splender Plus motorcycle bearing registration No. BR 38C-8837, Engine No. HAIOEAAHE-05479, Chasis No. MBLHAIOEEAHE-05034, which has been seized in connection with confiscation (Excise) Case No. 55/2017-18 arising from Kursakanta (Buai) P.S. Case No. 9 of 2017 for the offences punishable under section 30(A) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

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It is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that 09 litres of Nepali wine has been seized; there is no information regarding the confiscation proceeding and the vehicle is lying under the open sky in the police station. The seizure list supports the seizure of the motorcycle and 09 litres of Nepali wine.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking note of the nature of seizure made as well as the fact that there is no information regarding the confiscation proceeding, 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 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.

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

With the observations above, this writ petition is allowed.

(Jyoti Saran, J)

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

Archana/
Surendra/-

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