

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.12644 of 2019

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Ashok Kumar Mahto, Son of Rajdev Mahto Resident of Village- Sijua Ward
No. 4, Bahera, P.S.- Majorganj, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Chief Secretary Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Collector-cum- District Magistrate Sitamarhi.
4. The Authorised Officer-cum- Forest Division Officer Sitamarhi, Forest Division, Sitamarhi.
5. The Forest Division Officer Sitamarhi, Forest Division, Sitamarhi.
6. The District Forest Officer Sitamarhi.
7. The Superintendent of Police Sitamarhi.
8. The Station Head Officer Runnisaidpur, District- Sitamarhi.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Devendra Kumar
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Anant Pd. Singh (SC15)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 06-07-2020 Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner seeks release of the Tractor and trolley bearing Registration No. BR-30GA-1637, which was seized by the Police for being loaded with logs of wood.

It appears that the confiscation proceeding has been initiated against the vehicle in question *vide* Confiscation Case No. 2 of 2018-19.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that



despite the passage of one and half years, the confiscation proceeding has not yet been concluded.

This Court, under the aforesaid circumstances, directs that the confiscation proceeding be positively concluded within a period of four months from the date of production/receipt of a copy of this order, failing which the vehicle shall be released in favour of the petitioner on requisite terms and conditions and on confirmation that the petitioner is the true owner of the vehicle.

With the aforesaid observation / direction, this petition stands disposed off.

(Ashutosh Kumar, J)

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