

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.12018 of 2025

Sanjeet Kumar Thakur @ Ranjit Thakur @ Ranjit Kumar Thakur Son of Late
Surya Narayan Thakur, R/o- Village- Ward No. 15, Banswara, P.S.- Moro,
District- Darbhanga.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary Department of Excise,
Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, District- Madhubani.
3. The Additional District Magistrate, Madhubani.
4. The Superintendent of Police, District- Madhubani.
5. The Officer-In-Charge of Aunsi Police Station, Madhubani.
6. The Excise Commissioner, District- Madhubani.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Saurav Anand, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Government Pleader (26)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. B. BAJANTHRI
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. B. PD. SINGH
ORAL JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. B. BAJANTHRI)

Date : 11-08-2025

In the instant petition, the petitioner has prayed for the
following relief(s):-

“i. For issuance of appropriate writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus thereby directing the respondents to release the Vehicle in question i.e. Tata LPO 1618FE BS-IV Bus bearing Registration No. BR06PG-1157, Chassis No. MAT449305H0K10470, Engine No. 71J84415465 which is seized in connection with Aunsi P.S. Case No. 20 of



2025 instituted under Section 30 a of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

ii. For grant of such other order or direction/directions for which the petitioner is found entitled in the facts and circumstances of the case.”

2. In support of aforementioned relief there is no demand before the competent authority in particularly under Rule 12A of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Rules, 2021 read with amended Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 12A in the year 2022 and 2023.

3. In the absence of demand before the competent authority, the present Writ petition for writ of mandamus is not maintainable or it is pre-mature. Accordingly, the present Writ petition stands disposed of as pre-mature.

4. Disposal of the present petition would not be a hurdle for the petitioner to invoke remedy under Rule 12A of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Rules, 2021 including amended provisions in the year 2022 and 2023. If such application is submitted in the prescribed form before the competent authority, the competent authority shall pass speaking order within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of such application.

5. If the confiscation of the vehicle has attained finality, in that event, petitioner is at liberty to prefer an appeal before the appropriate authority.



6. With the above observation, the present petition stands disposed of.

(P. B. Bajanthri, J)

(S. B. Pd. Singh, J)

Ankit Kumar/-

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