

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1305 of 2026

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Ashok Ray Son of Late Radhika Ray, Resident of Village- Khaspur, Near
Vijya Bank, Police Station- Maner, District Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Secretary Mines and Minerals Department,
Government of Bihar at Patna.
2. The Director Mines and Mineral Department, Government of Bihar at Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, District Patna, at Patna.
4. The District Mining Officer cum Mine Development Officer, District Patna
at Patna.
5. The Mining Inspector, District Patna, at Patna.
6. The Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patna, at Patna.
7. The Officer in Charge of Bihta Police Station, District Patna.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Niraj Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Mines	:	Mr.Naresh Dixit, Spl. P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

2 09-04-2026 Heard Mr.Niraj Kumar Singh, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Mr. Naresh Dixit, learned Special P.P. for the

Mines Department.

2. The present petition has been preferred for the
following relief/s:

*(i) for issue an appropriate writ directing the
respondent authorities to release the
petitioner's vehicle (Truck) bearing
registration no. HR55L2033, Chasis no.-
426031AAG02206 in his favor;*



(ii) for grant of any other relief/reliefs for which Petitioner is found entitled under the fact and circumstances of the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset submits that he is in the dark inasmuch as the respondents have not come up with any fine so that appropriate steps be taken to pay the fine under protest and the truck is released.

4. The submission is that the seizure has taken place on 10.05.2024, the truck is placed in an open place and getting deteriorated day by day. Further submission is that as he is out of business due to seizure of the truck, the fine amount under protest be allowed to be paid in the installment.

5. If the contention of the petitioner is correct, it is unfortunate that despite the seizure made on 10.05.2024, the respondents have not even informed him about the fine amount.

6. Learned Spl. P.P. Mines submits that the petitioner ought to have approached the District Mining Officer, Patna (respondent no.04) so that he could hand over the documents showing the fine amount.

7. Having heard the parties, instead of keeping the case pending, this Court directs the petitioner to approach the



respondent no.4, the District Mining Officer, Patna in next four weeks alongiwth a copy of the order who shall be duty bound to provide the details relating to the fine and shall also be flexible if an offer is made by the petitioner regarding payment of the fine amount in installment.

8. The writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid observation.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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