

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5861 of 2026

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Ranjan Prasad Singh Son of Late Dinesh Pd. Singh, Resident of village Shivdhari Bhawan, Jagat Narayan Road, P.S.- Kadam kuan, District - Patna, State - Bihar- 800003.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Excise and Prohibition Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director General of Police, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Excise Commissioner of Bihar, Patna.
4. The District Magistrate Cum Collector, Lakhisarai.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Lakhisarai.
6. The Superintendent of Excise, Lakhisarai.
7. The Investigating Officer of Piribazar, P.S. case No. - 31/2026.
8. The S.H.O., Piribazar, Police Station, Lakhisarai.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Arnav Kumar Sinha, Advocate Ms. Shreya Singh, Advocate Mr. Shubham Kumar Bharti, Advocate Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Nadim Seraj, GP 5 Mr. Shailesh Kumar, AC to GP 5

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KUMAR MANISH
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD)

2 24-06-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already filed an application in the prescribed format for release of the vehicle in question before the competent authority.



3. In the aforesaid view of the matter, this Court directs the competent authority before whom the application seeking release of the vehicle is pending to consider the same and pass an appropriate order as expeditiously as possible and in no case later than a period of 30 days from the date of production of a copy of this order.

4. One of the factors to be considered for purpose of release of the vehicle in terms of Rule 12A of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Rules, 2021 (As Amended Uptodate) is the quantum of liquor recovered. In this case, we have noticed that only 1.80 litre of liquor is said to have been recovered. Thus, the competent authority shall consider the very low quantity of liquor and shall impose a penalty which would be the minimum prescribed under the statute.

5. The writ application is disposed of accordingly.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

(Kumar Manish, J)

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