

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.7524 of 2026

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Lallu Prasad @ Lallu Yadav son of Dukhi Yadav, R/o village Dahar, P.S. Adhaura, District Kaimur at Bhabua.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Secretary of the Forest Department, State of Bihar Patna.
2. The Collector cum District Magistrate, Kaimur at Bhabua.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Kaimur at Bhabua.
4. District Forest Officer, Kaimur at Bhabua.
5. Forest Ranger Officer, southern Fores Range, Kaimur at Bhabua.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Tribhuwan Narayan, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Standing Counsel (26)
	:	Mr. Subodh Kumar, AC to SC-26

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

2 02-07-2026 Heard Mr. Tribhuwan Narayan, learned counsel for
the petitioner and learned State counsel.

2. The present petition has been preferred for the
grant of following relief(s):

*“for issuance of writ in nature of Mandamus
or any appropriate writ, order or direction to
direct the respondent authorities to release the
Maruti Suzuki Alena bearing registration No.
BR24AK5079 in favor of the petitioner which
has been seized in connection with Forest Case
No. 17 of 2018, registered under section 9, 26A,*



*27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 50 and 51 of the Wild Life
Protection Act.”*

3. The vehicle of the petitioner having Registration No.BR24AK5079 stands seized by the Forest Officials of Kaimur at Bhabhua, alleging that the horns of Sambhar and Deer have been seized from the said vehicle. This led to Forest Case No. 17 of 2026 (State vs. Ekadasho Sah and Ors.).

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he is the owner of the vehicle, had no knowledge about the said movement/carrying of the horns of endangered species and pursuant to the Forest Case No. 17 of 2026, a reply already stands submitted on 05.03.2026 (Annexure-P/3 to the writ petition). However, the contention is that the District Forest Officials of Kaimur are sitting over the matter and not taking the said case to its logical conclusion thus depriving him of the vehicle.

5. Learned State counsel submits that if not disposed of, the Forest Case No. 17 of 2026 shall be disposed of at an earliest.

6. In that background, this Court directs the Divisional Forest Officer, Kaimur at Bhabhua to look into the matter and see to it that after following the principle of natural



justice, the Forest Case No. 17 of 2026 is taken to its logical conclusion preferably within a period of two months from the date, the petitioner produces the order of this court before his/her office.

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

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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