
(2019) 12 PAT CK 0189

In the Patna High Court

Case No : Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No. 18478 Of 2019

Gautam Kumar @ Gautam Kumar Jha

APPELLANT

Vs

State Of Bihar Through The Principal And Ors

RESPONDENT

Date of Decision : 16-12-2019

Acts Referred:

Bihar Prohibition And Excise Act, 2016 — Section 30(a)

Citation : (2019) 12 PAT CK 0189

Hon'ble Judges : Hemant Kumar Srivastava, J;Prabhat Kumar Singh, J

Bench : Division Bench

Advocate : Ritesh Kumar Narain Singh, Vikash Kumar

Final Decision : Disposed Of

Judgement

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State.

The petitioner seeks release of his TVS Star City Motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR 55B 5419 which was seized in connection with Sitamarhi Police Station Case No. C2/200/19 registered for the offence punishable under section 30A of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the confiscation proceedings has not been initiated as yet but the learned counsel of the State submits that he is not in a position to confirm the contention of the petitioner regarding initiation of the confiscation proceedings and therefore he will seek the report from the concerned District Collector about the initiation of confiscation proceeding.

In view of the aforesaid submission as well as in the facts and circumstances of the case, this writ application stands disposed of with a direction to the concerned Court to seek a report from the District Collector about initiation of confiscation proceeding in respect of seized vehicle in connection with Sitamarhi Police Station Case No. C2/200/19 within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order and if the report of the concerned District Collector reflects that the confiscation proceeding has already been

initiated, in that event, the concerned court shall not release the seized vehicle in favour of the petitioner, but if the report of the District Collector reveals that the confiscation proceedings has not been initiated as yet in respect of seized vehicle, the concerned Court shall release the seized vehicle provisionally in favour of the petitioner on production of ownership and registration papers with respect to the vehicle in question before the court below on the execution of bond of Rs.50,000/- within two weeks from the date of receipt/production of this order, with the condition that the petitioner shall not transfer or alienate the said vehicle without prior permission of the concerned Court and shall produce the aforesaid vehicle whenever and wherever it is required by the Court till final disposal of the confiscation proceedings.

Furthermore, it is made clear that if the confiscation proceedings has been initiated in respect of the seized vehicle, the concerned District Collector shall conclude the aforesaid confiscation proceeding within 60 days from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid directions.