

In The Court Of Mines Commissioner, Bihar

Vehicle Confiscation Appeal No. 07/2025 District- Gopalganj

Lal Babu Chaudhary – Appellant

vs.

Collector, Gopalganj & Ors. – Respondents

Order

20/06/2025

1. The Appellant Lal Babu Chaudhary had preferred an Appeal under rule 56(A) of the Bihar Mineral (Concession, Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation & Storage) Amendment Rules, 2021 against the order dt. 04-04-2025 (contained in memo no.-776, dt.-15.04.2025) passed by the Learned Collector, Gopalganj in Confiscation (Mining) Case no.-1469/2023, whereby the Truck bearing registration number- **BR01GA-5906** has been confiscated.
2. The appellant submits in his appeal that his vehicle was intercepted at Nagar Thana Gopalganj on 24.06.2023 for carrying illegal sand by the Mining Inspector. He submits that he was not aware of the further confiscation proceedings consequent to which order dt. 04-04-2025 was passed by the Collector, Gopalganj.
3. In the proceedings before this Court, the appellants has requested that he is willing to deposit the penalty amount along with statutory interest in order to release the vehicle and has sought a time of two weeks for the same.
4. After perusing submission and appeal, this Court directs the appellant to deposit the compounding fee along with the cost of minerals and 24% statutory interest under rule 55 of Bihar Mineral (Concession, Prevention

of Illegal Mining, Transportation & Storage) Rules within 07 (seven) working days, failing which the Collector's order would be deemed to be confirmed by this Court. If the amount is deposited within the stipulated time, the Collector shall release the vehicle in question immediately on identification of owner of vehicle, if there is no restriction to release under any other case.

5. This appeal stands disposed accordingly.

Dictated & Corrected

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