



## Important EI topic

Supreme Court of India has ruled that vehicles seized under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act cannot be confiscated if the owner can demonstrate that the vehicle was used for illegal purposes without their knowledge or involvement.

The bench delivered this verdict while hearing an appeal against a decision by the Gauhati High Court, which had upheld the trial court's refusal to allow the interim release of a truck seized under Sections 451 and 457 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C.). Overturning the High Court's decision, the Supreme Court clarified that the NDPS Act does not prohibit the interim release of seized vehicles. It asserted that such vehicles could indeed be released during the trial under the provisions of Sections 451 and 457 of the Cr.P.C.