

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT HYDERABAD
FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AND THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH

WEDNESDAY THE THIRTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.S.K.JAISWAL

CRIMINAL PETITION No.9041 of 2015

Between:

KatamVenkata Lakshmi and another

..... PETITIONERS/A2 & A3

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh,

Rep.by its Public Prosecutor,

High Court, Hyderabad and another

.....RESPONDENTS

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.S.K.JAISWAL

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ORDER:

This criminal petition is filed by the petitioners/A2 & A3 under Section 482 Cr.P.C to quash the proceedings in Cr.No.46 of 2015 on the file of Women U/G Police Station, Kadapa City, YSR Kadapa District, registered for the offences punishable under sections 498-A, 323 and 506 IPC.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, representing the State.

It is alleged that the 2nd respondent/*de facto* complainant is the legally wedded wife of the non-petitioner/A1 and at the time of marriage the parents of the *de facto* complainant gave sufficient dowry and jewelry to her in-laws, however, dissatisfied with the same, the non-petitioner/A1 and the petitioners herein started harassing the *de facto* complainant for additional dowry.

In so far as the petitioners/A2 & A3, who are alleged to be the parents of the non-petitioners/A1 are concerned, it is alleged that the non-petitioner/A1 directly went to the house of parents of the *de facto* complainant and stated that his parents i.e., A2 and A3 demanded additional dowry, and if they failed to pay additional dowry, his parents would perform his 2nd marriage with another girl. The allegations levelled in the complaint against the petitioners, *prima facie*, reveal the commission of offences, as alleged. This is a matter, which requires investigation by the police. There are no valid grounds to quash the First Information Report.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, it is directed that the investigating agency shall proceed with the investigation, however, shall not arrest the petitioners/A2 & A3 till the investigation is completed and charge sheet is filed.

The Criminal Petition is accordingly dismissed.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed in consequence.

M.S.K.JAISWAL,J

Date:30.09.2015

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