

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE T.SUNIL CHOWDARY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13293 of 2015

ORDER:

This petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to quash the proceedings against the petitioner/accused in Crime No.182 of 2015 on the file of the Station House Officer, Nelakondapalli Police Station, Khammam District, registered for the offences under Sections 354A(1)(i), 354A(1)(ii) and 509 I.P.C.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Public Prosecutor representing the State.

3. A perusal of the record reveals that the petitioner is the sole accused and the first respondent is the *de facto* complainant in Crime No.182 of 2015. A perusal of the record further reveals that the first respondent is the wife of one Nageswara Rao.

4. Basing on the complaint of Nageswara Rao, the police registered a case in Crime No.181 of 2015 on the file of the Station House Officer, Nelakondapalli Police Station against the first respondent and her sons.

5. As per the allegations made in the complaint, the petitioner made an attempt to outrage the modesty of the first respondent. It is further alleged that the husband of the first respondent has been cultivating the land of the petitioner as a tenant. Whether the petitioner has committed the alleged offences or not will come to light during the course of investigation only.

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6. While exercising the inherent power under Section 482 Cr.P.C., the Court has to take into consideration the allegations made in the

complaint only. The Court is not justified in embarking upon an enquiry as to probability, reliability or genuineness of the allegations made in the complaint at the initial stage of investigation. The material placed before the Court is *prima facie* sufficient to investigate into the matter in order to ascertain the truthfulness or otherwise of the allegations made in the complaint.

7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also the principles enunciated by the Supreme Court in **R.P.Kapoor v. State of Punjab**^[1] and **State of Haryana v. Bhajanlal**^[2], I am of the considered view that it is not a fit case to quash the proceedings at the initial stage of the investigation.

8. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the concerned Station House Officer may be directed not to arrest the petitioner till completion of the investigation.

9. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to direct the Station House Officer, Nelakondapalli Police Station, Khammam District, not to arrest the petitioner/accused in Crime No.182 of 2015 till completion of the investigation.

10. With the above direction, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

11. Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Criminal Petition shall stand closed.

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T.SUNIL CHOWDARY, J

Date: 15.12.2015

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^[1] AIR 1960 SC 866

^[2] AIR 1992 SC 604