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THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE T.SUNIL CHOWDARY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.12677 of 2015

ORDER:

This petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to quash the proceedings against the petitioner/A.6 in Crime No.687 of 2015 of Medipally Police Station, Cyberabad registered for the offences under Sections 420 and 406 I.P.C., and Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

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 accused No.6.

4. As per the allegations made in the complaint, the police seized 4150 kgs of PDS Rice from the possession of accused No.1, which is meant for distribution to the poor people. It is further alleged that accused No.1 used to collect Rice from accused Nos.5 to 8.

5. Whether the Rice seized by the police belongs to accused No.1 or not will come to light during the course of investigation only. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. In view of the principle enunciated by the Supreme Court in **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar^[3]**, the Station House Officer, Medipally Police Station, Cyberabad, is hereby directed to follow the procedure as contemplated under Section 41A Cr.P.C. in Crime No.687 of 2015 so far as the petitioner/A.6 is concerned.

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

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

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T.SUNIL CHOWDARY, J

Date: 02.12.2015

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^[1] AIR 1960 SC 866

^[2] AIR 1992 SC 604

^[3] 2014 (8) SCALE 250