

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

WRIT PETITION No.20477 OF 2015

ORDER:

The grievance of the petitioners is with regard to opening of rowdy sheets in their names by the police authorities.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home informed this Court that normally rowdy sheets are extended from time to time in keeping with the calendar year and therefore review would be undertaken of the necessity to continue with the rowdy sheet during the month of December, 2015. If that be so, it is wholly unnecessary for this Court to adjudicate the matter on merits when the police authorities concerned can as well apply their mind and take a decision in the matter.

It would therefore be open to the petitioners to make a detailed representation to the concerned police authorities seeking closure of the rowdy sheets opened in their names by setting out the relevant grounds. The same shall be duly considered in the course of the review.

In this regard, it would be relevant to note that this Court had occasion to deal with this issue in W.P.No.18142 of 2012 and the case law on the subject was also adverted to at length in the order dated 24.08.2015 passed therein.

The police authorities would therefore have to be mindful of the law laid down by this Court while considering the issue of continuing the existing rowdy sheets on the files of various police stations. The police authorities would also take into account the relevant Police Standing Orders in this regard and exercise their discretion judiciously. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than the end of January, 2016. In the event the police authorities decide to extend the rowdy sheets in the names of the petitioners for a further period, the decision in this regard shall be communicated with appropriate reasons to the petitioners.

The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. Pending

miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed in the light of this final order. No order as to costs.

SANJAY KUMAR, J

29th DECEMBER, 2015
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