

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO**

**WRIT PETITION No.38984 of 2016**

**ORDER**

This writ petition is filed by the petitioners seeking to call for records relating to Cr.No.202 of 2016 dated 05.11.2016 on the file of the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent Police Station and to quash the same.

2. It is stated in the affidavit that the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent lodged a complaint alleging that the 1<sup>st</sup> petitioner married her on 03.01.2016 at Central Park, Ongole and at the time of marriage, her parents gave a sum of Rs.2,10,000/-, gold and silver ornaments as dowry and thereafter, all the petitioners started harassing her for additional dowry. Based on the said complaint, the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent registered a case in Cr.No.202 of 2016 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A and under Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, against the petitioners. It is stated that the petitioners never demanded any dowry and they were falsely implicated in this case and that the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent is trying to arrest them without following due process of law.

3. The petitioners filed this writ petition challenging the investigation in the above crime. This Court is not inclined to interfere with the investigation in the said crime. However, the official respondents are directed to complete the investigation and file a final report, in accordance with law, without arresting the petitioners. The petitioners are directed to appear before the Station House Officer concerned as and when required and further directed

to execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) each with one surety for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the Station House Officer concerned, as surety for their future appearance as and when required.

4. With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

**JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO**

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

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