

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.S.K.JAI SWAL

CRIMINAL PETITION No.12245 of 2016

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking to quash proceedings initiated against petitioner/accused No.5 in Crime No.51 of 2014 of N.R.Pet Police Station, Chittoor District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 379 IPC and Section 29 and 32 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967 and Rule 3 of A.P. Sandal Wood and Red Sandalwood Transit Rules, Section 29 of Wild Life Act, 1972 and 55(2) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Heard and perused the material available on record.

A perusal of the material on record reveals that specific allegations were made against the petitioner. The truth or otherwise of the allegations can only be decided during course of trial. I see no ground to interdict at this stage and quash the proceedings.

In the facts and circumstances of the case and as requested by the learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner/accused No.5 is apprehending his arrest in view of the pendency of the above crime, the police concerned are directed to complete the investigation into the crime without arresting the petitioner/accused No.5 and file the final report, if any, in accordance with law. However, in the event of necessity, the police concerned are directed to issue notice to petitioner/accused No.5 requiring him to appear before the investigating agency for the purpose of investigation and on issuance of such notice, the petitioner/accused No.5 shall appear before the investigating agency and give an undertaking as

to his future appearance as and when required by the investigating agency for the purpose of investigation.

Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is disposed of. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending, shall stand closed.

M.S.K.JAI SWAL,J

Date: 27.09.2016
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