

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

Crl.P.No.6978 of 2016

ORDER

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This petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is filed by the petitioner/A1 seeking to quash the proceedings in Cr.No.23 of 2016 of Women Police Station, Eluru, West Godavari District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A r/w 34 IPC and under Sections 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, against them.

2. It is alleged in the complaint that A1, at the instigation of A2 to A5, used to harass his wife i.e., de facto complainant, mentally and physically by demanding additional dowry of Rs.10 lakhs in lieu of the demanded land and threaten her with dire consequences. Based on the complaint, the aforesaid crime was registered against the accused.

3. In view of the serious allegations in the complaint, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the impugned proceedings. However, the police concerned are directed to complete the investigation without arresting the petitioner/A1 and file a final report, if any, in accordance with law. The petitioner/A1 is directed to appear before the investigating agency as and when required and cooperate with the investigating agency.

4. With the above direction, the Criminal Petition is disposed of. Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this criminal petition shall stand closed.

RAJA ELANGO, J

29th April, 2016
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