

**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE T.SUNIL CHOWDARY**

**CRIMINAL PETITION No.1616 of 2016**

**ORDER:**

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This petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to quash the proceedings against the petitioner/accused in Crime No.140 of 2015 on the file of Station House Officer, Gadivemula, Kurnool, registered under Section 430 IPC and Section 4(2) of Land Grabbing Act.

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Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Public Prosecutor representing the State.

A perusal of the record reveals that the petitioner is the sole accused in Crime No.140 of 2015. As per the allegations made in the complaint, the petitioner herein encroached the Government poramboke land and closed the channels dug by the villagers. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is the absolute owner of the land in dispute. A perusal of the record reveals that the petitioner herein filed O.S.No.345 of 2015 against some of the villagers on the file of the Principal Junior Civil Judge Court, Nandyal, Kurnool District and obtained interim injunction on 28.08.2015, whereas, the criminal case is registered on 02.09.2015. Whether the petitioner has committed the alleged offence or not will come to light during the course of investigation.

It is needless to say that the court has to take into consideration the allegations made in the complaint while exercising inherent jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C., in order to quash the criminal proceedings at the initial stage of

investigation. The court is not justified in embarking upon an enquiry to ascertain the truthfulness, genuineness or otherwise of the allegations made in the complaint. It is a settled principle of law that the inherent power should not be exercised to stifle a legitimate investigation. If the allegations made in the complaint do not constitute the offence much less the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner, then this court can quash the proceedings in order to prevent abuse of process of court thereby to secure the ends of justice.

I have carefully perused the material available on record in order to ascertain whether the allegations made in the complaint are patently absurd and inherently improbable thereby to quash the proceedings. The material available on record is *prima facie* sufficient to investigate into the matter in order to ascertain the truthfulness or otherwise of the allegations made in the complaint.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also the principle enunciated in ***R.P.KAPOOR v. STATE OF PUNJAB***<sup>[1]</sup>, ***STATE OF HARYANA v. BHAJAN LAL***<sup>[2]</sup>, ***V.Y.JOSE V STATE OF GUJARAT***<sup>[3]</sup> ***AND TEEJA DEVI v. STATE OF RAJASTHAN***<sup>[4]</sup>, I am of the considered view that this is not a fit case to quash the criminal proceedings at the threshold.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the concerned Station House Officer may be directed not to arrest the petitioner till completion of investigation.

Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the Station House Officer, Gadivemula Police Station,

Kurnool District, is hereby directed not to arrest the petitioner/accused in Crime No.140 of 2015 till completion of investigation.

With the above direction, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

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

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**T.SUNIL CHOWDARY, J**

Date:11.02.2016

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[\[1\]](#) AIR 1960 SC 866

[\[2\]](#) AIR 1992 SC 604

[\[3\]](#) (2009) 3 SCC 78

[\[4\]](#) 2015 (1) ACR 564 (SC)