

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13637 OF 2014

ORDER:

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This Criminal Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. is filed by the accused No.4 to 6 seeking to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.307 of 2014 pending on the file of Sarpavaram Police Station, East Godavari District for the offences under Sections 3(1), 4(1) and 5(1) of Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act, 1956 (for short 'the Act').

Admittedly, the petitioners herein visited the brothel house as customers being run by the other accused. In similar matter, this Court in CrI.P.No.1786 of 2013 and batch by judgment dated 22.03.2013 held that the petitioners therein, who visited the brothel house as only customers cannot be prosecuted for the offences under Sections 3,4 and 5 of the Act. Following the same and for the reasons stated therein, this Criminal Petition is allowed and the proceedings in C.C.No.307 of 2014 pending on the file of Sarpavaram Police Station, East Godavari District are quashed as against the petitioners herein.

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

01.04.2016

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