

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

Criminal Petition No.4608 of 2016

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking to quash proceedings initiated against the petitioners/A-1 and A-2 in Crime No.178 of 2016 of Women Police Station, Hyderabad registered for the offences punishable under Sections 498 A and Sections 4 and 6 of Dowry Prohibition Act.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner/A-1 and A-2 and the learned Public Prosecutor and perused the material on record.

Admittedly, a complaint was lodged by the second respondent/*de facto* complainant against the petitioners wherein specific allegations are made against the petitioners, the truth or otherwise of which can be ascertained only after due investigation into the crime by the investigating agency and the same cannot be determined at the investigation stage.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also in view of the nature of offences alleged against the petitioners, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the proceedings against the petitioner/accused. However, in view of submission of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the petitioners/accused apprehend their arrest due to pendency of the above crime, the police concerned is directed to complete the investigation without arresting the petitioners/accused and file final report, if any, in accordance with law. In the event of necessity, the police concerned are at liberty to issue a notice to the petitioners for the purpose of investigation and on receipt of such notice the petitioners shall appear before the police and cooperate

with the investigating agency. In the event of failure on the part of the petitioners/accused to appear before the police on receipt of such notice, the police are at liberty to approach this Court for recalling the present order.

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

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RAJA ELANGO, J

Date: 04-04-2016

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