

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.2292 of 2016

ORDER:

This criminal petition, under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is filed by the petitioner-Accused No.1 seeking to quash the proceedings against him in Crime No.26 of 2015 on the file of the Mahila Police Station, Ananthapuram District.

Heard and perused the material available on record.

The offences alleged against the petitioner are punishable under Sections 498-A, 323 and 307 r/w.34 IPC and 3 & 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act. The truth or otherwise of the above offences can be ascertained during the investigation. Since the material on record *prima facie* reveals allegations against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the investigation. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in view of the pendency of the above crime, the petitioner apprehends arrest and also the harassment in the hands of the police.

In view of the above and since the present case arises out of matrimonial dispute, the police concerned are directed to complete the investigation without arresting the petitioner and file final report, if any, in accordance with law. The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Agency as and when his presence is required and cooperate with the investigation.

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

February 24, 2016.
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RAJA ELANGO, J