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THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

Criminal Petition No.4345 of 2016

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking to quash proceedings initiated against the petitioners/A-1 to A-6 in Crime No.14 of 2016 of Kothapeta Police Station, East Godavari District registered for the offences punishable under Sections 341, 324 read with Section 34 I.P.C. on 16-01-2016 and later altered into Sections 341, 365, 324 read with Section 34 I.P.C. and Section 3(1)(x) of the S.Cs. & S.Ts. (PoA) Act on 29-01-2016.

Heard and perused the material available on record.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also in view of the nature of offences alleged against the petitioners/ A-1 to A-6 are serious in nature, which have to be investigated into by the investigating agency, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the proceedings initiated against the petitioners/accused. However, in view of submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the incident has occurred out of a sudden quarrel and petitioners/A-1 to A-6 are apprehending of their arrest in view of the pendency of the above crime, the police concerned are directed to complete investigation into the crime without arresting the petitioners/A-1 to A-6 and file the final report, if any, in accordance with law.

However, in the event of necessity, the police concerned are directed to issue notice to the petitioners/A-1 to A-6 requiring them to appear before the investigating agency for the purpose of investigation and on issuance of such notice, the petitioners/A-1 to A-6 shall appear before the investigating agency and give an undertaking as to their future appearance as and when required by the investigating agency for the purpose of investigation.

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

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RAJA ELANGO, J

Date: 29-03-2016

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