

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE M.S.K. JAISWAL

CRIMINAL PETITION No. 13149 of 2016

ORDER:

The criminal petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking to quash the proceedings in Cr.No.139 of 2016 on the file of Station House Officer, Ponnuru Urban Police Station, Guntur District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 498-A IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners herein/Accused Nos.1 to 5, and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, representing the State.

Having heard the learned Counsel on either side and gone through the material available on record, it is obvious that specific allegations were made against the petitioners herein/Accused Nos. 1 to 5 in the complaint. This is a matter which requires investigation by the police. The truth or otherwise of the allegations can only be decided during course of investigation or trial. I see no ground to interdict the investigation at this stage and quash the first information report.

In the facts and circumstances of the case and as requested by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the Criminal Petition is disposed of, directing the investigating agency to proceed with the investigation, however, without arresting the petitioners herein/Accused Nos. 1 to 5 in the above crime, till the investigation is completed and the charge sheet is filed. The petitioners/Accused 1 to 5 shall appear before the investigating

agency as and when required during course of investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency for early completion of the investigation.

Miscellaneous petitions pending consideration if any in the Criminal Petition shall stand closed in consequence. No order as to costs.

JUSTICE M.S.K. JAISWAL

DATED 15th September, 2016.
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