

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO
CRIMINAL PETITION No.1293 OF 2014

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ORDER:

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This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C) by the petitioners-accused seeking to quash proceedings in FIR No.218 of 2013 on the file of Atmakur Police Station, SPSR Nellore District, registered for the offences under Sections 420 and 348 IPC & 3 (1)(x) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act (for short 'the Act').

Heard and perused the material available on record.

The crime was registered in the year 2013. This Court, vide order, dated 12.02.2014, passed interim stay of investigation as far as the offence under Section 3 (1) (x) of the Act only, and insofar as other offences, there is no stay. Neither the Public Prosecutor nor the learned counsel for the petitioners is not in a position to inform the stage of the investigation. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the view that the criminal petition can be disposed of with the following directions, in the interest of justice:

The respondent-police are directed to complete the investigation without arresting the petitioners and to file final report, if any, in accordance with law. If the petitioners have any grievance over such filing of final report/charge sheet, they are at liberty to file a fresh application before appropriate forum for appropriate relief.

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

RAJA ELANGO, J

February 18, 2016.

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