

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3617 OF 2016

ORDER:

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This petition is filed by the petitioners-accused under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking to quash the proceedings against them in Crime No.45 of 2016 on the file of II-Town Police Station, Chirala, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 143, 341, 324, 353 and 506 r/w. 149 IPC and 7 (1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

It is alleged that the 2nd respondent – de facto complainant, who is a reporter of Vishalandhra Paper, while covering the protest made by the 1st petitioner on 11.02.2016 and also shifting of 1st petitioner to the Police Station, the petitioners 2 to 4 attacked and caused injuries to the 2nd respondent on the instructions of the 1st petitioner. The truth or otherwise of the above said allegations can be ascertained during enquiry. Therefore, this Court is not inclined to interfere with the investigation against the petitioners.

At this stage, the learned Counsel for the petitioners submitted that due to the pendency of the above crime, the petitioners apprehend arrest and harassment in the hands of the police.

In view of the above submission, the police concerned are directed to complete the investigation and file a final report, if any, without arresting the petitioners. In the event of necessity, the police concerned are directed to issue notice to the petitioners for their appearance before the investigating agency for the purpose of investigation. On issuance of such notice, the petitioners 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.

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

March 17, 2016.
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RAJA ELANGO, J