

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C. PRAVEEN KUMAR

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.2865 of 2016

ORDER :

The petitioners, who are accused Nos.2 to 4, filed the present application under Sections 437 and 439 Cr.P.C. seeking enlargement on bail in Crime No.33 of 2016 of Vizianagaram I Town Police Station, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 489 (B) and 489 (C) read with 34 IPC.

The case of the prosecution is that on receipt of credible information, the Inspector of Police secured the presence of mediators and along with his staff reached near ticket booking counter of Vizianagaram Railway Station and on seeing the police vehicle, four persons tried to ran away towards railway quarters side. Having suspicious circumstances, the police chased the said persons and surrounded them. When questioned to furnish their names and addresses for which they firstly shirked and later revealed their names and addresses. On search, the police were able to seize fake currency of Rs.2,50,000/- and original currency of Rs.5,000/- from accused No.1. From accused No.2 fake currency of Rs.1,53,500/- and Rs.2,060/- of original currency, from accused No.3 fake currency of Rs.1,00,000/- and original currency of Rs.2,000/- and from accused No.4 fake currency of Rs.1,00,000/- and Rs.2,000/- original currency was seized by the police. Basing on the search and seizure the above case came to be registered.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are innocent of the offences alleged against them and a false case

has been foisted against them. He further submits that the petitioners are resident of Guntur District and when they were about to leave to Orissa, they have been falsely implicated in this case. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same.

A perusal of the material on record would disclose that huge quantity of fake currency notes were seized from the possession of the accused. No plausible explanation is given as to why they found in such huge quantity of fake currency. There is no material to show that the petitioners are creating or printing fake currency notes, but un-explained possession of such huge quantity of fake currency notes requires further investigation to find out the original creator of the fake currency notes. Since the investigation is pending and as it is at crucial stage, the request of the petitioners cannot be considered.

Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed. The petitioners are at liberty to renew their request at an appropriate time.

JUSTICE C. PRAVEEN KUMAR

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