

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4662 OF 2016

ORDER:

This Criminal 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 I Town Police Station, Chirala, registered for the offence punishable under Sections 143, 341, 324, 353, 506 r/w 149 IPC and Section 7(1) of Criminal Law Amendment Act.

Heard and perused the material available on record.

It is alleged that A1 and his followers made a protest on road on 11.2.2016. While the 2nd respondent was taking video of the agitation, A1 stopped him and abused him and provoked his followers- other accused to beat him. All the accused beat him with sticks, hands and legs indiscriminately and caused injuries on his left ear and right knee. The accused threatened him with dire consequences.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the allegations made against the petitioners, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief sought by the petitioners.

At this stage, the learned Counsel for the petitioners submitted that there are no specific allegations against the petitioners and that the 2nd respondent did not disclose the names of the petitioners in his statement and that due to pendency of the above crime, the petitioners apprehend arrest.

In view of the above submission, the 1st respondent-police are directed to complete the investigation and file a final report, if any, in accordance with law, without arresting the petitioners. In the event of necessity, the 1st respondent-police are directed to issue notice to the petitioners for the purpose of investigation. On issuance of such notice, the petitioners are directed to appear before the investigating officer 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 pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

Date : 4.4.2016

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