

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3904 of 2016

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C.) to quash the proceedings in crime No.29 of 2016 on the file of the P.S., Khammam I Town, Khammam District, registered for the offence under Section 3(1)(x) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Heard and perused the material.

On perusal of the entire material available on record, *prima facie* there are allegations against the petitioner, which are to be investigated into by the police. Hence, this Court is not inclined to quash the impugned proceedings at this stage.

Considering the fact that there is a delay in lodging the complaint, which is not properly explained, and also as the case is arising out of a sudden quarrel, the police are directed to complete the investigation without arresting the petitioner and file final report, if any, in accordance with law. The police are directed to issue notice to the petitioner for his appearance for the purpose of investigation and the petitioner is also directed to appear and cooperate with the investigating agency. The petitioner is also directed to submit an Undertaking for his future appearance for the purpose of investigation.

The Criminal Petition is accordingly disposed of. Miscellaneous Petitions pending in this Criminal Petition, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

22.03.2016

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