

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE T.SUNIL CHOWDARY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4675 of 2017

ORDER:

This petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to quash the proceedings against the petitioner/accused in Crime No.243 of 2017 on the file of the Station House Officer, Chevella Police Station, registered under Section 354 IPC.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the second respondent foisted a false case against the petitioner for the reasons best known to her. He further submitted that the allegations made in the complaint do not constitute any offence much less the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner, therefore, it is a fit case to quash the proceedings. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor submitted that the allegations made in the complaint *prima facie* constitute the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner.

3. A perusal of the record reveals that the petitioner is the sole accused and the first respondent is the *de facto* complainant. As per the allegations made in the complaint, on 11.06.2017 at about 11.00 a.m. when the second respondent was proceeding to her house, the petitioner herein misbehaved with her. The gist of the allegations made in the complaint is that the petitioner made an attempt to outrage the modesty of the second respondent.

4. While exercising the inherent power under Section 482 Cr.P.C., the Court has to take into consideration the allegations

made in the complaint only. The Court is not justified in embarking upon an enquiry as to probability, reliability or genuineness of the allegations made in the complaint at the initial stage of investigation. Whether the petitioner has committed the alleged offence or not will come to light during the course of investigation. The material placed before the Court is *prima facie* sufficient to investigate into the matter in order to ascertain the truthfulness or otherwise of the allegations made in the complaint.

5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also the principle enunciated in *R.P.Kapoor v. State of Punjab*¹, *State of Haryana v. Bhajan Lal*², *V.Y.Jose v. State of Gurajat*³ and *Teeja Devi v. State of Rajasthan*⁴, I am of the considered view that it is not a fit case to quash the criminal proceedings at the threshold.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and also the principle enunciated by the Supreme Court in *Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar*⁵, the Station House Officer, Chevella Police Station, is hereby directed to follow the procedure as contemplated under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. in Crime No.243 of 2017 so far as the petitioner/ accused is concerned.

¹ AIR 1960 SC 866

² AIR 1992 SC 604

³ (2009) 3 SCC 78

⁴ 2015 (1) ACR 564 (SC)

⁵ 2014 (8) SCALE 250

7. With the above direction, the Criminal Petition is disposed of. Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Criminal Petition shall stand closed.

T.SUNIL CHOWDARY, J

Date:21.06.2017
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