

**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.SATYANARAYANA MURTHY**

**CRIMINAL PETITION No.2170 of 2017**

**ORDER:**

This criminal petition, under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr.P.C.'), is filed to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners/A-1 to A-7 apprehending their arrest in connection with Crime No.15 of 2017 of Chirala II Town Police Station, Prakasam District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 506 read with 509 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'I.P.C.') and Sections 3(1)(s), 3(1)(w)(ii) & 2(v) of the SCs/STs (POA) Amendment Act, 2015.

After arguing the matter for a while, learned counsel for the petitioners, seeks a direction from this Court to permit the petitioners to surrender before the Special Judge For Trial of Cases under the SCs/STs (POA) Act, and to move an application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of bail and also seeks a direction to the learned Special Judge to consider their application on the same day.

Acceding to the request of learned counsel for the petitioners, without going into the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to permit the petitioners to surrender before the Special Judge For Trial of Cases under the SCs/STs (POA) Act and to move an application for grant of bail, after due service of notice on the Public Prosecutor. In which event, the learned Special Judge is directed to decide the same, on the same day, in accordance with law.

With the above direction, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

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**M.SATYANARAYANA MURTHY, J**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

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