

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION No.31416 OF 2017

ORDER:

The writ petition is filed challenging the action of the respondents 2 to 4 in not causing arrest of the respondents 5 to 8 in spite of registering the F.I.R.No.156 of 2017 dated 11.4.2017 under Sections 447 and 427 IPC on the file of the 4th respondent.

It may be noted that the AP. Police Standing Orders, particularly Order No. 478 (5), mandated the investigation to be completed within a particular time frame and charge sheet to be filed. The same reads as under:

“5. The limitation permissible under law is quite liberal. It should not be construed to mean that the cases can be delayed up to the maximum period of limitation. The following maximum time limits are prescribed for completion of investigation for some of the cases:

4 months for offences u/s 120A, 120B, 121 to 130, 403 to 409, 463 to 489E IPC and in complicated cases affecting the human body, culpable homicide and murder and complicated cases of cheating; 3 months for offences u/s 363 to 374 IPC and Dacoit; 2 months for offences u/s 131 to 140, 166 to 171, 230 to 263A, grievous hurt, 339 to 348, 376 to 377, robbery, house breakings and theft, 421 to 424, 490 to 492 and 494 to 502 IPC;

1 month for offences u/s 141 to 160, 171-A to 171-1, 191 to 227, simple cases of 299, 300, 349 to 374, theft, extortion, 425 to 440, 441 to 462, 503 to 511 IPC, and offences under special and local laws;

15 days for offences u/s 172 to 190, 264 to 298, hurt, 410 and 414 IPC.

Note: The above time limits are prescribed with a view that no investigation shall be prolonged beyond a point. However, every effort should be made to complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible.”

In the light of the above, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent-police to complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible and file a final report within a period of two months from the date of receipt of copy of the order. No order as to costs.

Consequently, the miscellaneous Applications, if any shall stand closed.

CHALLA KODANDA RAM, J

18th September, 2017
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