

THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SHAMEEM AKTHER

CRIMINAL PETITION No.11121 OF 2017

ORDER:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners/A.2 to A.6, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent State and perused the record.

This petition is filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A.2 to A.6 in Crime No.111 of 2017 of Coringa Police Station, East Godavari District for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act.

It is alleged that the petitioners harassed the de facto complainant, who is none other than the wife of A.1. These petitioners are mother and sisters of A.1. The allegation is that they have demanded dowry. These petitioners harassed the de facto complainant, demanded dowry and threatened to do away her life. Petitioners/A.3 and A.4 are married persons. Petitioner/A.2 is 68 years old woman. The petitioners/A.5 and A.6 are said to be dwarfs. Having regard to the nature of allegations, it is appropriate to pass order in terms of the directions issued in ***Rajesh Sharma and others v. State of U.P. and another***¹.

Accordingly, relying upon the latest two-Judge Bench expression of the Apex Court, dated 27.07.2017 in CrI.A.No.1265 of 2017 (SLP(CrI.) No.2013 of 2017) in Rajesh Sharma supra, the matter is directed to be referred by the learned jurisdictional Magistrate to the Committee to be constituted for reconciliation and settlement and in a contra situation, to proceed with the trial

¹ 2017(2) ALT (CrI.) 393 (SC)

of the matter on merits. The petitioners shall not be arrested till a report is filed by the Committee.

The Criminal Petition is ordered accordingly.

Dr. SHAMEEM AKTHER, J

22nd NOVEMBER, 2017.
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