

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

**CRIMINAL PETITION No.10174 of 2017**

**ORDER:**

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., by the petitioners/A.1 to A.18 seeking to quash the proceedings in Crime No.68 of 2017 of Adoni Taluq Police Station, Kurnool District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 148, 448, 354 and 506 read with 149 IPC and Section 3 (1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 2015.

2. After arguing the matter for a while, learned counsel for the petitioners, sought a direction to be given to the Station House Officer/Investigating Agency to follow the conditions stipulated in Section 41-A of Cr.P.C., and also the judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in ***Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another***<sup>1</sup>, before taking any coercive steps against the petitioners.

3. Acceding to the request of learned counsel for the petitioners, the Criminal Petition is disposed of directing the Station House Officer/Investigating Agency to scrupulously follow the conditions stipulated under Section 41-A of Cr.P.C., and also the directions issued by the Apex Court in the judgment referred to above, before taking any coercive steps against the petitioners. Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

**M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY, J**

**NOVEMBER 03, 2017**

Note:

Issue C.C. tomorrow.

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<sup>1</sup> 2014 (2) ALT (Cri.) 457 (SC)

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