

**THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SHAMEEM AKTHER**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO.16066 OF 2016**

**ORDER:**

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioners to quash the proceedings in D.V.C.No.19 of 2016 on the file of the III Addl. Judl. Magistrate of I Class, Chittoor.

2. Heard. Perused the record.

3. In view of the decision rendered by this Court in **GADDAMEEDI NAGAMANI VS. STATE OF TELANGANA & OTHERS**<sup>1</sup> the order of taking cognizance by the Magistrate under the provisions of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (for short 'the Act'), is an appealable order under Section 29 of the Act. Under these circumstances, the petitioners are given liberty to file an appeal before the Court of Session, as contemplated under law.

4. Further, in view of the decision in **GIDUTHURI KESARI KUMAR AND OTHERS VS. STATE OF TELANGANA AND OTHERS**<sup>2</sup>, the remedies available to the victim under the Act are civil in nature. Therefore, it is not appropriate to insist the personal appearance of the petitioners, except on the dates when their personal appearance is required. Further, the Court below is directed to follow the guidelines formulated by this Court in **GIDUTHURI KESARI KUMAR**'s case (referred supra).

5. With the above observations/directions, the Criminal Petition is disposed of. Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Criminal Petition, shall stand closed.

**DR. SHAMEEM AKTHER, J**

**DATED: 06-03-2018**

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<sup>1</sup> 2015 (2) ALD (CrI.) 764 (A.P.)

<sup>2</sup> 2015 (2) ALD (CrI.) 470 (AP)