

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.SATYANARAYANA MURTHY

CRL.P.No.3649 OF 2018

ORDER:

This criminal petition is filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner/A5 in Crime No.146 of 2016 of Hanamakonda Police Station, Warangal District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 417, 420, 506 IPC, Section 3(1)(r)(s)(w) and 3(2)(v)(a) of SCs and STs (POA) Act, 2015 on various grounds.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the entire investigation is completed and the allegations made in the report would not attract the offences punishable under SCs and STs (POA) Act.

In view of the bar under Section 18 of the SCs and STs (POA) Act, the petitioner is not entitled to claim pre-arrest bail. However, in view of the judgment of the Apex Court in **Dr Subash Kashinath Mahajan v State of Maharastra and another** (CrI.A.No.416 of 2018, dated 20.03.2018), the Station House Officer, Hanamakonda Police Station, Warangal District is directed to follow the guidelines of **Dr Subash Kashinath Mahajan** referred supra.

With the above direction, the criminal petition is disposed of.

Pending miscellaneous petitions in the petition, if any, shall stand closed.

10.04.2018
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M.SATYANARAYANA MURTHY,J