

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE U.DURGA PRASAD RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4206 OF 2018

ORDER.

In this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. by the petitioner/Accused seeking to quash the proceedings against them in Crime No.21 of 2018 of Vemulawada Town Police Station, (Rajanna Sircilla District), registered for the offence under Section 3 (1) (r) (s) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015.

Investigation is reported to be in the advanced stage and according to the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, 13 witnesses were examined.

Having regard to the stage of the matter, this Court is of the considered view that the investigation shall be completed at the earliest. However, having regard to the nature of the accusation, the Investigating Officer shall strictly follow the guidelines of the Apex Court rendered in *ARNESH KUMAR Vs. STATE OF BIHAR* (¹) and also follow the provision under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. towards the petitioners. In turn, the petitioners shall cooperate with the investigating agency for smooth completion of investigation.

Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is disposed of.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications pending if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE U.DURGA PRASAD RAO

Dated 25th April, 2018.

Note:

¹ 2014 (3) ACR 2670 (SC)

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