

HON'BLE Dr. JUSTICE SHAMEEM AKTHER

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4977 OF 2014

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.1 of 2013 on the file of the I Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Visakhapatnam.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the respondent-State and perused the record.

3. In view of the decision rendered by this Court in **Gaddameedi Nagamani v. State of Telangana & others**¹ the order of taking cognizance by the Magistrate under the provisions of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, is an appealable order Section 29 of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Under these circumstances, the petitioners herein 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 v. State of Telangana and others**², the remedies available to the victim under the Domestic Violence 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).

¹ 2015 (2) ALD (Cr1.) 764 (A.P.)

² 2015 (2) ALD (Cr1.) 470 (A.P.)

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

Dr. SHAMEEM AKTHER, J

Date: 16-03-2018

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