

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8527 OF 2018

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is filed by the petitioner/accused to quash the proceedings in C.C. No.1021 of 2014, on the file of the Court of Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate at Sangareddy (For short, the Court below'), registered for the offences punishable under Section 66-A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (for short, 'the Act of 2000') and Sections 506 and 509 of I.P.C.

2. During course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that Section 66-A of the Act of 2000 was already struck down and declared as unconstitutional by the Apex Court in ***Shreya Singhal Vs. Union of India***¹ and the other offences are only punishable under Sections 506 and 509 I.P.C. and, without going into merits of the case, he finally sought for a direction to the Court below to dispose of C.C. No.1021 of 2014 in a timeframe.

3. Acceding to the innocuous request of learned counsel for the petitioner, and exercising power under Section 483 Cr.P.C., without touching the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to direct the Court below to decide C.C. No.1021 of 2014, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, and in any event not later than six (6) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, keeping in view of the law laid down by the Apex Court in ***Shreya Singhal***¹.

4. Accordingly, with the above direction, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

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

M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY, J

Date: 13.08.2018.
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¹ 2015 (5) SCC (1)

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