

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.9978 OF 2018

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Code'), is filed by the petitioners - accused Nos.1 and 2, seeking to quash the proceedings against them in F.I.R/Crime No. 128/2018, dated 07.09.2018, on the file of the Thondangi Police Station, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh State, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 324 and 506 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section Sections 3 (1) (s) and 3 (2) (va) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners after arguing for sometime, requested this Court to direct the police to follow the procedure inlaid in Section 41-A of the Code and guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar**¹.

3. Acceding to the request of the learned counsel for the petitioners and without touching the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to direct the police to follow the procedure inlaid in Section 41-A of the Code and the guidelines prescribed in **Arnesh Kumar**¹. It is needless to mention that the Hon'ble Supreme Court made it clear that violation of guidelines prescribed in **Arnesh Kumar**¹ amounts to Contempt of Court action. Therefore, the Investigating

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

Agency is bound to adhere to the guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar**¹.

4. With the above directions, the present Criminal Petition is disposed of at the stage of admission itself.

Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in the present Criminal Petition, stand closed.

M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY, J

September 19, 2018
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