

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.10843 OF 2018

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Code') is filed by the petitioner - accused No.2 viz., Padmavathi Katragadda, to quash the proceedings against her in Crime No.503 of 2018 dated 12.09.2018 on the file of Women Police Station, Central Crime Station, DD, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Section 498-A and 406 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Sections 4 and 6 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner 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 petitioner 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 Agency is bound to adhere to the guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar**¹.

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

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

October 11, 2018

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