

HON'BLE Dr. JUSTICE B. SIVA SANKARA RAO

Criminal Petition No.11711 of 2018

ORDER :

Impugning the F.I.R. in Crime No.420 of 2018 registered by the Rajampet (U) Police Station, YSR Kadapa District, for the offences punishable under Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015, Section 498A r/w 34 IPC and Sections 3 & 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act on the report of the second respondent-*de facto* complainant, the petitioners-A1 to A4 filed the quash petition.

2. Heard the learned counsel for petitioners and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, representing the first respondent-State in opposing the same, before ordering notice to the second respondent and before admission. Perused the F.I.R. and the quash petition averments.

3. A perusal of the F.I.R. and the quash petition averments no way entails this Court to quash the proceedings or admit by keeping the matter pending, but for to say for none of the offences are punishable above seven years, the police strictly follow Section 41-A Cr.P.C., and also the guidelines as held by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar**¹.

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is disposed of without prejudice to any future defence of the petitioners. Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

05.11.2018
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Dr. B. SIVA SANKARA RAO, J

