

HON'BLE Dr. JUSTICE B. SIVA SANKARA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13389 of 2018

ORDER :

Impugning the First Information Report in Crime No.335 of 2018 registered by the Nalgonda (I) Town Police Station, Nalgonda District, for the offence punishable under Section 354 IPC and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, on the report of the 2nd respondent-*de facto* complainant, the petitioner/accused filed the quash petition.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Public Prosecutor, representing the 1st respondent-State in opposing the same, before ordering notice to the 2nd respondent and before admission. Perused the First Information Report and quash petition averments.

3. A perusal of the First Information Report and quash petition averments no way entitles 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.

4. Accordingly and in the result, the criminal petition is disposed of without prejudice to any future defence of the petitioner.

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

Dr. B. SIVA SANKARA RAO, J

14th December 2018.

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¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273