

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

Criminal Petition Nos.3009 of 2019

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioners/A.1 to A.4, to quash the proceedings in Crime No.250 of 2019 of Meerpet Police Station, Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Section 498A of IPC, Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, and Sections 3(1)(r)(s) and 3(2)(Va) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners/A.1 to A.4, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the 1st respondent-State and perused the record.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners/A.1 to A.4 filed this Criminal Petition to quash the proceedings in Crime No.250 of 2019 of Meerpet Police Station, Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, he restricts his prayer seeking a direction to the investigating agency to follow the procedure prescribed under Section 41A of Cr.P.C. and to follow the guidelines prescribed by the Apex Court in Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another¹.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the 1st respondent-State conceded the request of the learned counsel for the petitioners/A.1 to A.4.

¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756

5. Under these circumstances, the Station House Officer, Meerpet Police Station, Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41A of Cr.P.C. before arresting the petitioners/A.1 to A.4 and strictly adhere to the guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar's case *supra*.

6. With the above direction, this Criminal Petition is disposed of.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this criminal petition shall stand closed.

19th June, 2019
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JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

