

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No. 3156 of 2019

ORDER:

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of investigation in Crime No.343 of 2018 of Choutuppal Police Station, Rachakonda, registered against the petitioners for the offences punishable under Sections 354-D, 448, 323 and 290 IPC and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners filed the present petition for quashing of investigation in Crime No.343 of 2018, he restricts his prayer seeking a direction to the Investigating agency to follow the procedure prescribed under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. and the guidelines prescribed by the Apex Court in *Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another*¹.

3. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the directions of the Apex Court have to be followed and implemented.

4. In that view of the matter, the Criminal Petition is disposed of directing the police to abide by the directions of the Apex Court as set out in *Arnesh Kumar case (supra)*. No coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners till filing of the final report.

5. As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756,

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Date: 04.06.2019

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