

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3600 of 2019

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioner/Accused No.1 seeking to quash the proceedings in Crime No.298 of 2019 of Chandanagar Police Station, Cyberabad, registered for the offence punishable under Section 498-A I.P.C and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner/Accused No.1, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the 1st respondent-State and perused the record.

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

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor conceded the said request stating that the punishment for the alleged offences is below seven years.

5. Under these circumstances, the Station House Officer, Chandanagar Police Station, Cyberabad District, is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. before arresting the petitioner/Accused No.1 and strictly adhere to the guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar case (supra)**.

¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756

However, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner/accused No.1 only till filing of the final report.

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

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

JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

JULY 04, 2019

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