

HON'BLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3662 of 2019

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is filed by the petitioner, who is A.1, for grant of anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.89 of 2019 of Mallapur Police Station, Jagtial District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 498-A of IPC and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act.

This is a case where basing on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant about the harassment by her husband and his family members for want of additional dowry, Crime No.89 of 2019 of Mallapur Police Station, Jagtial District, was registered for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner/A.1 and other accused.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner/A.1 and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent State. Perused the material on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is innocent of the offences alleged, that he has not committed any offence and he has been falsely implicated in the above crime. It is also contended that the petitioner never demanded any additional dowry, either at the time of marriage or thereafter and all the allegations levelled against him are false. It is also contended that the defacto complainant was adamant in her behaviour and insisted to put up a separate family and for not accepting the same, the

parents of the complainant made a complaint against the petitioner and his family members. It is also contended that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions imposed by this Court, including assisting the investigating agency for his release on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in the above crime.

On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the relief sought in the above petition.

A perusal of the record reveals that there are specific allegations made against the petitioner regarding harassment for want of additional dowry. Thus, in view of the specific and serious nature of allegations levelled against the petitioner, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. However, if the petitioner/A.1 surrenders before the Court below concerned and move an application for regular bail, after giving prior notice to the Public Prosecutor concerned, the said application shall be considered in accordance with law.

With the above observations, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

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

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