

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4173 OF 2019

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr.P.C.') is filed by the petitioners - accused Nos.3 to 6 viz., Siddapureddy Pradhiba, Smt. C. Rajeswari, C. Venkata Krishna Reddy and Smt. Siddam Deepthi, respectively, seeking to quash the proceedings against them in Crime No.36 of 2019 dated 31.01.2019 of Balanagar Police Station, Cyberabad, registered for the offences punishable under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Sections 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners filed the present petition for quashing the aforesaid proceedings against the petitioners, he restricted the prayer seeking a direction to the Investigating agency to follow the procedure prescribed under Section 41-A of Cr.P.C. and the guidelines prescribed by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar**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

¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756,

set out in **Arnesh Kumar's** case (Supra). No coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners till filing of the final report.

As a sequel thereto, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in the criminal petition stand closed.

JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

July 19, 2019.

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