

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5402 of 2019

ORDER:

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking to quash Crime No.122 of 2019 of Bonakal Police Station, Khammam District, registered against the petitioners for the offences punishable under Sections 417, 376, 294(b) 506 read with 34 IPC and Section 3(2)(va) and Section 3 (1)(r)(s) of SCs & STs (POA) Act, 2016.

2. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners filed the present petition for quashing of investigation in the above 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 the guidelines prescribed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in *Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another*<sup>1</sup>.

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 respondent 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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JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019  
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<sup>1</sup> AIR 2014 SC 2756,

