

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6416 of 2019

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioner/Accused seeking to quash the proceedings against her in Crime No.54 of 2019 of Godavarikhani I Town Police Station, Peddapalli, registered for the offence punishable under Section 420 I.P.C.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner/Accused, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the 1st respondent-State and perused the record.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioner/Accused 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. Under these circumstances, the Station House Officer, Godavarikhani I Town Police Station, Peddapalli District, is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. before arresting the petitioner/Accused and strictly adhere to the guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar case (supra)**. However, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner/accused till filing of the final report.

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

¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756

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

JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

15th October, 2019

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