

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No. 6486 of 2019

ORDER:

1. This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 Cr.P.C., is filed by the petitioner/ accused, seeking to quash the proceedings in Crime No.219 of 2019 of I Town Police Station, Nalgonda, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 354-A and 354-D of IPC, Section 3(2)(V)(a) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (PoA) Act and Section 3(1)(r)(s), 3(1)(w)(ii) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (PoA) Act, 2015.

2. Though the criminal petition is filed to quash the aforesaid proceedings, during the course of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner 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 Apex Court in *Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another*¹.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor fairly concedes the request of the learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. In that view of the matter, the Criminal Petition is disposed of directing the police concerned to follow the provisions under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. and abide by the directions of the Apex Court as set out in *Arnesh Kumar's case* (supra). However, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner/ accused till filing of final report.

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

JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

17.10.2019
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¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756

