

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6865 of 2019

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4 seeking to quash the proceedings against them in Crime No.148 of 2019 of Sangam Police Station, Warangal Commissionerate, registered for the offence punishable under Section 3 (1) (r) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the 1st respondent-State and perused the record.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4 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, Sangam Police Station, Warangal Commissionerate, is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. before arresting the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4 and strictly adhere to the guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar case (supra)**.

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

30th October, 2019

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Date:30.10.2019

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