

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6870 of 2019

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 to 7 seeking to quash the proceedings against them in Crime No.217 of 2019 of Women Police Station, Charminar, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 406 and 506 I.P.C and Sections 4 and 6 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 to 7, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the 1st respondent-State and perused the record.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 to 7 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, Women Police Station, Charminar, Hyderabad, is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. before arresting the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 to 7 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 petitioners/accused Nos.2 to 7 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

30th October, 2019

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