

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7276 of 2019

ORDER:

This petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking to quash the proceedings in Crime No.65 of 2019 on the file of Chandurthy Police Station, Rajanna Sircilla District, registered for the offence under Section 3(1)(r)(s)(m) of SCs & STs (POA) Amendment Act, 2015, against the petitioners/A1 to A4.

2. Though the petitioners have raised several grounds to quash the aforesaid proceedings, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer seeking a direction to the Investigating agency to follow the procedure prescribed under Section 41-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure and the guidelines prescribed by the Apex Court in ***Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another***¹.

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 police concerned to follow the procedure under Section 41-A Cr.P.C., and the guidelines issued by the Apex Court in ***Arnesh Kumar's case (supra)***. No coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners/A1 to A4 till filing of the final report.

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

G. SRI DEVI, J

13th November, 2019
sj

¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756