

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.111 OF 2020

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C.) seeking quashing of investigation in Crime No.389 of 2019 of Saroornagar Women Police Station, Rachakonda, registered against the petitioners/A-1 to A-5 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A and 417 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

Though the learned counsel for the petitioners/A-1 to A-5 filed the present petition for quashing of investigation in Crime No.389 of 2019, he restricts his prayer seeking a direction to the Investigating agency to follow the procedure prescribed under Section 41-A of the Cr.P.C. and the guidelines prescribed by the Apex Court in ***Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another***¹.

Learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the directions of the Apex Court have to be followed and implemented.

In that view of the matter, the Criminal Petition is disposed of directing the police to abide by the directions of the Apex Court as set out in ***Arnesh Kumar case (supra)***. No coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners/A-1 to A-5 till filing of the final report.

Miscellaneous applications, if any, pending shall stand closed.

7th January, 2020
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(G. SRI DEVI, J)

¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756