

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.473 OF 2020

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Cr.P.C.), is filed by the petitioners/A-2 to A-5, for grant of anticipatory bail in Crime No.305 of 2019 of P.S. Suryapet II Town, Suryapet District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A and 307 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners/A-2 to A-5, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the respondent-State and perused the record.

In the FIR, it is *inter alia* stated that the marriage of the first petitioner was performed on 15.02.2017 with the *de facto* complainant and at the time of marriage, her parents gave Rs.19 lakhs cash, 30 tulas gold ornaments and Rs.3 lakhs to the sister-in-law. The parents of the A-1 visited his house and quarreled with the *de facto* complainant for small things and tried to kill her and also harassed her for additional dowry.

Learned counsel for the petitioners/A-2 to A-5 would submit that the petitioners never harassed or asked for additional dowry from the *de facto* complainant. Absolutely, there are no ingredients of Section 307 IPC and the contents of the complaint are in casual manner and no dates were given. Without going into the merits of the case, the police simply registered the crime only to harass the petitioners. It is submitted that the *de facto* complainant made omnibus

allegations which are not sustainable. It is further submitted that the petitioners are law-abiding citizens, innocent and nothing to do with the alleged crime. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A-2 to A-5.

Learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the respondent-State opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A-2 to A-5.

As seen from the contents of the F.I.R., there are specific allegations against the petitioners/A-2 to A-5 that they harassed the *de facto* complainant and demanded additional dowry.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of the offence, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A-2 to A-5.

The Criminal Petition is, accordingly, dismissed. However, if the petitioners/A-2 to A-5 surrender before the competent Court within a period of fifteen days from today and apply for regular bail, the same shall be considered by the said Court, in accordance with law.

Miscellaneous applications, if any, pending shall stand dismissed.

(G. SRI DEVI, J)

30th January 2020
RRB