

HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.525 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-1 and A-2, for grant of anticipatory bail in Crime No.629 of 2019 of P.S. Shadnagar, Cyberabad District, registered for the offence punishable under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners/A-1 and A-2, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the respondent-State and perused the record.

In the FIR, it is *inter alia* stated that the *de facto* complainant lodged a complaint on 05.10.2019 alleging that the petitioners/A-1 and A-2 have received a sum of Rs.23,00,000/- as advance to provide MBBS seat to his son but did not provide the seat and when the *de facto* complainant demanded advance money, the petitioners did not pay back the amount and instead changed their sim numbers and residential addresses.

Learned counsel for the petitioners/A-1 and A-2 would submit that the *de facto* complainant gave a false complaint with an intention to blackmail the petitioners to extract money wrongfully. The petitioners never promised and never met the *de facto* complainant or his son. The petitioners are ready to furnish sufficient surety to the satisfaction of this Court and abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court. It is further submitted that the petitioners are ready to undertake to

co-operate with the investigating authorities. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A-1 and A-2.

Learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the respondent-State opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A-1 and A-2.

As seen from the contents of the F.I.R., there are specific allegations against the petitioners/A-1 and A-2 that they dishonestly collected an amount of Rs.23,00,000/- from the *de facto* complainant promising to provide MBBS seat to his son and later did not provide any seat.

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-1 and A-2.

The Criminal Petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any, pending shall stand dismissed.

(G. SRI DEVI, J)

17th February 2020
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