

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.1199 OF 2020

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 seeking to quash the proceedings against them in Crime No.29 of 2020 of Kulsumpura Police Station, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 324 & 506 read with 34 I.P.C.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the 1st respondent-State and perused the record.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 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, Kulsumpura Police Station, Hyderabad, is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. before arresting the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 and strictly adhere to the

¹ AIR 2014 SC 2756

guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar case (supra)**.

5. With the above direction, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this criminal petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE G SRI DEVI

Date: 19th February, 2020

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