

**THE HON'BLE JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI**

**CRIMINAL PETITION No.7895 of 2019**

**ORDER:**

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 to 5 seeking to quash the proceedings against them in Crime No.325 of 2019 of Jagtial (R) Police Station, Jagtial District, registered for the offence punishable under Section 498-A I.P.C and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

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

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 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**<sup>1</sup>.

4. Under these circumstances, the Station House Officer, Jagtial Police Station, Jagtial District, is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41-A Cr.P.C. before arresting the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 to 5 and strictly adhere to the guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in **Arnesh Kumar case (supra)**. However, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners/accused Nos.2 to 5 till filing of the final report.

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<sup>1</sup> AIR 2014 SC 2756

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

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

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**6<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

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