

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

**CRIMINAL PETITION No.8225 of 2019**

**ORDER :**

Petitioners, who are A1 to A6 in Cr.No.189 of 2019 on the file of the S.H.O. Yellandu Police Station, Bhadrachalam District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 376 and 306 IPC and 4 of D.P. Act, filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent State.

3. The case of the prosecution is that one Merugu Priyanka, daughter of the de facto complainant fell in love with A1 and she came to know that A1 maintained physical relationship with her daughter and when her daughter demanded A1 to marry her, he informed that he will not marry at that period. When the de facto complainant and her husband went to the house of A1, he refused to marry their daughter and the parents and brother of A1 informed that if A1 married another girl, they will get Rs.25 lakhs as dowry. Though elders advised A1 to marry her, he did not heed the advice of elders. The parents and brother of A1 demanded the parents of Priyanka that if they paid dowry of Rs.25,00,000/-, they will convince A1. Thereafter, having

felt bad, the husband of the de facto complainant committed suicide on 23.09.2019.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have not committed any offence and they were falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that the de facto complainant agreed for marriage of her daughter with A1 and accordingly, the marriage of A1 was performed with Merugu Priyanka on 05.10.2019 and the same was also registered with the Registrar of Marriages and A1, Priyanka and the de facto complainant are living together in one roof. He further submits that none of the allegations attract the offences alleged and the deceased committed suicide as his daughter insisted for marriage with A1. He further submits that entire investigation is completed, except filing of charge sheet and hence, there is no chance of tampering with the evidence. The petitioners are ready to produce sufficient sureties if they are released on bail and hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the State vehemently opposed the bail application.

6. As seen from the contents of the complaint, there are specific allegations against the petitioners that they demanded dowry of Rs.25 lakhs from the de facto

complainant and her husband to convince A1 to marry Priyanka. Having felt bad, the deceased consumed organ Monodhan Phosphorus and committed suicide.

7. Thus, looking into the nature of allegations leveled against the petitioner and also taking into consideration the gravity of offence alleged against the petitioners, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioners.

8. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed. However, if the petitioners-A1 to A6 surrender before the concerned Court within 15 days from today and file bail application after giving due notice to the Public Prosecutor, the same may be considered in accordance with law. Miscellaneous petitions, if any pending shall stand closed.

**JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI**

**DATED: 07.01.2020.**  
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