THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.SATYANARAYANA MURTHY **CRIMINAL PETITION NO.43 OF 2021**

ORDER:

This criminal petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code to quash the proceedings in Crime No.33 of 2020 on the file of III Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 468, 471 read with 34 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner after arguing for sometime, requested this Court to direct the police to follow the procedure laid down under Section 41-A of Cr.P.C and guidelines formulated by the Apex Court in "Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar and another¹".

Acceding to the request of the learned counsel for the petitioner and without touching the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to direct the police to follow the guidelines prescribed in **Arnesh Kumar** case. It is needless to mention that the Supreme Court made it clear that violation of guidelines in Arnesh Kumar case amounts to Contempt of Court action. Therefore, the Investigation Agency is bound to adhere to the guidelines issued in Arnesh Kumar case.

With the above directions, the petition is disposed of.

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall also stand closed. No costs.

JUSTICE M. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY

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