

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No: CrI.P.No.3408 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

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02.	04.05.2026	<u>Dr.YLR, J</u> Heard the learned Counsel for the Petitioners and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Petitioner No.3/Accused No.3 was the bridegroom to whom the daughter of the de facto complainant was proposed to be given in marriage. However, due to misunderstandings that arose between the two families, the performance of the marriage was not materialized. The de facto complainant lodged a complaint against the Petitioners, which was registered as Crime No.19 of 2023. After a thorough investigation, a charge sheet was filed. The learned counsel for the Petitioners relied upon the judgments of the learned Single Judges of this Court in CrI.P. No.11316 of 2017 and CrI.P. No.8824 of 2013, wherein it was categorically held that an offence under Section	<i>contd...</i>

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		420 of the IPC would not be attracted if the marriage did not materialise between the parties and the bride's family merely sustained financial loss due to the breakdown of the marriage. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the presence of the Petitioners/ Accused Nos.1 to 5 before the learned Trial Court is dispensed with, unless their presence is otherwise required. The matter is referred to mediation. Sri R V Surendranath Varma, learned trained mediator is appointed as mediator in this case. The The Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, is directed to issue necessary proceedings in that regard. The fee for the Mediator shall be fixed at a later point of time. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 and Respondent No.2 are directed to appear before the learned Mediator for amicable settlement. The learned Jurisdictional Magistrate and the Station House Officer concerned are hereby directed to drive the parties before the Mediator	

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		for amicable settlement. Post the matter after Summer Vacation-2026, for Mediator's report. Until the conclusion of the mediation proceedings, there shall be stay of all further proceedings in C.C.No.179 of 2026 on the file of the learned II Additional Junior Civil Judge-Cum-II Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Rajamahendravaram. _____ Dr.YLR, J KMS	