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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(CRL) 1407/2018**

SUKHVINDER SINGH & ANR Petitioners
Through: Mr. Vivek Dhingra, Advocate.

Versus

THE STATE (GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI) & ORS. Respondents
Through: Ms. Amita Sachdeva for Ms. Richi Kapoor, Advocate for State with SI Jasmer Singh, P.S. Jahangir Puri.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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03.08.2018

The petitioners have been granted protection in terms of this Court's previous order dated 25.05.2018 since they chose to marry of their free volition, but not necessarily with the consent of their respective families. Their learned counsel state that with the passage of time, the families appear to have reconciled to their matrimony. Nevertheless, the State has given them protection by sensitizing the respondents – the parents of the parties, to the rights of an adult citizen of this country to choose their life partner and to live as per their own wishes. They have also been provided with three telephone numbers of the police officers, of which one would be a lady police officer. These numbers shall be kept operational at all times so that any exigency can be intimated on either of the numbers by the petitioners. The Court is assured by the learned counsel for the State that any message received on the said numbers or on any other telephone number of the police

either by way of a telephone call or SMS shall be immediately responded to. Additionally, the Beat Constable/Division Staff of the area shall regularly visit the residence of the petitioners on a daily basis and report the same in the *Roznamcha*. The safety and security of the petitioners shall be assessed by the SHO on a weekly basis with due endorsement of the same in the *Roznamcha*. The Beat Constable shall record entries in his Beat Book. Should the petitioners shift their address to the jurisdiction of any other Police Station in Delhi, the same protection shall be granted to them by the SHO of the subsequent Police Station also.

No further orders are required, at this stage.

The petition stands disposed-off in terms of the above.

A copy of this order be given *dasti* to the learned counsel for the parties.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J.

AUGUST 03, 2018

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