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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 2347/2018**

SMT. RAJNI & ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Dalip Kumar Santosh, Mr. Shashi Bala and Ms. Shiwali Dhingra, Advocates.

versus

GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI & ORS.

..... Respondent

Through: Ms. Richa Kapoor, ASC for State with Ms. Amit Sachdeva and Mr. Ashish Negi, Advocates with SI Shailendra Kumar Singh, PS-Gokulpuri.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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08.08.2018

The petitioner claims to be the legal adults and have married each other of their own free volition. However, the marriage does not have the blessings of the parents of petitioner No.1, Ms. Rajni. They apprehend grave threat to their life, limb and liberty from respondent nos. 7 to 10. She is ordinarily resident of District Amroha, Uttar Pradesh. The petitioners claim to be residing at Delhi presently. They seek adequate protection.

The learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State submits, upon instructions, that the petitioners are not residing at the address mentioned in the petition.

However, it cannot be ruled out that persons, in the petitioners' predicament, out of fear to their life and limb, ordinarily lead a nomadic life

till such time that appropriate protection is provided to them. It is possible that in fear they have been moving from one place to another.

The learned counsel for the petitioners states that he will furnish the latest address of the petitioners to the learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State. The same shall not be disclosed to anybody by the police, to secure their safety and security.

In view of the above, the SHO of the area concerned shall interact with the petitioners and in terms of the threat perceived apropos them, accord them protection. Additionally, it is expected that he would sensitise the relatives of the petitioners, that the petitioners have a right to choose their life partner and to live peacefully, and any breach of the same would be an effort to diminish their freedom and dignity, guaranteed under the Constitution of India.

The petitioners shall be furnished telephone numbers of three police officers in the jurisdiction of the concerned Police Station where they reside, of which one shall be of 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. It is expected that that any call or SMS received on the said numbers or on any other telephone number of the police shall be immediately attended to. Additionally, the Beat Constable/Division Staff of the area concerned shall regularly visit the residence of the petitioners on a daily basis at least for a period of one month 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*.

Should the petitioners change their residence to the jurisdiction of any

other Police Station in the NCT of Delhi, the SHO of the subsequent Police Station shall ensure due protection to them in terms of this order.

No further orders are required at this stage.

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

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

AUGUST 08, 2018

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