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

+ W.P.(CRL) 2786/2018

ANAND DUBEY & ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Durgesh Kumar Pandey,
Advocate.

Versus

THE STATE & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Nandita Rao, ASC (Crl.) for State
alongwith Ms. Iti Pandey, Advocate
with SI Lokender, PS-Okhla
Industrial Area.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

% **17.09.2018**

The petitioners are legal adults and have married each other of their free volition. Respondent no. 2 is said to be inimical to them as the said marriage is without his consent. The petitioners apprehend a threat to the life, limb and liberty from the said parents and accordingly seek protection for the same. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner no. 2 is indisposed and is not present in the Court. However, he submits that petitioner no. 2 has indeed signed the petition in his presence and her affidavit too was sworn before the Oath Commissioner and is annexed to the petition. He submits that petitioner no. 1 is present in Court. The Investigating Officer shall be interacted with the petitioner no. 1 in the course of the day.

Ms. Nandita Rao, the learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State accepts notice and assures the Court that the matter has been looked into by the SHO of the area concerned and the respondent no.2 will be duly

sensitized to maintain peace as well as to the fact that the legal adults have a right to make their own decision in choosing a life partner and no one can interfere in the exercise of such right. Additionally, the petitioners shall be provided with telephone numbers of three police officers from the jurisdiction of the concerned Police Station, of which one shall 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. Ms. Rao further states 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* for a month. The Beat Constable shall record entries in his Beat Book. The petitioners shall furnish their address in Delhi to the SHO concerned.

No further orders are required at this stage.

The petition stands disposed-off accordingly.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

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