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

+ W.P.(CRL) 2906/2018, Crl. M.A. 32910/2018

ABDUL HARIS & ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, Adv.

versus

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

..... Respondent

Through: Ms. Richa Kapoor, ASC with Ms. Amita Sachdeva, Adv. for the State with ASI Om Prakash, P.S. Jagatpuri.

Ms. Sonia Arora, Advocate for parents along with Mr. Dilip Kumar Goel and Ms. Neelam Goel, Parents of P-2. (Mob. 9810924160).

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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25.09.2018

The petitioners are legal adults and have married each other of their free volition. The parents of petitioner no. 2 are said to be inimical to them as the said marriage is without their consent. The petitioners apprehend a threat to the life, limb and liberty from the said parents and accordingly seek protection for the same.

The parents of petitioner no. 2 are present in the Court. At request they are impleaded as respondent nos. 5 and 6. They do not have a counsel. Accordingly, Ms. Sonia Arora, Advocate, who is present in the Court, is appointed as their counsel for the day. At request, the parents have met petitioner no. 2. The Investigating Officer too has interacted with the parties

and impressed upon the parents of their duty to maintain peace. The learned counsel for the parents states, upon instructions, that the parents are concerned about the safety and security of their daughter and they cannot in any way, be a threat to her safety.

Since petitioner no. 2 is an adult and has left the company of her parents and has married petitioner no.1 of her free volition, the complaint of the parents would *prima facie* be of no consequence.

Ms. Richa Kapoor, the learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State assures the Court that the matter has been looked into by the SHO of the area concerned and the respondents 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 the parents cannot 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. Kapoor 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 25, 2018

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