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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 2986/2018 & CRL.M.A. 33299/2018**

SMT ASHIDA MANSOORI @ JYOTI & ANR Petitioners
Through: Mr. Molvi Aijaz Hussain, Advocate
with petitioner in person

versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ORS Respondents
Through: Ms. Amita Sachdeva, Advocate for
Ms. Richa Kapoor, ASC for State
with SI Ashish Kumar, PS Bhajan
Pura

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER
% **01.10.2018**

CRL.M.A. 33300/2018

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed off.

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The petitioners are legal adults. They have married each other of their free volition. According to them, the matrimony does not meet the approval of the parents of petitioner No. 1. They apprehend threat to their life, limb and liberty at the hands of respondent No. 2- father and other relatives. They seek protection from the Court. The documents proving their age as well as the contract of marriage are attached with the petition.

The learned counsel for the State accepts notice and assures the Court that the Investigating Officer shall interact with the petitioners in the Court

premises and assure them of due security. The SHO of the area shall impress upon respondent No. 2 and family members of petitioner No. 1 of the necessity 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. She 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.

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

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

OCTOBER 01, 2018/rd