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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 3055/2018, Crl. M.As. 33635-36/2018**
SANA PARVEEN & ANR

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, Adv.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS

..... Respondent

Through: Ms. Richa Kapoor, ASC with Ms. Amita
Schdeva, Adv. with SI Devendra Singh, P.S.
Jafrabad.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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05.10.2018

The petitioners claim to be legal adults and have married each other of their free volition. The marriage does not meet the approval of family members of P-1, who are arrayed as R-3 to R-10. They apprehend threat to their life, limb and liberty from the said respondents and accordingly seek protection from this Court.

Insofar as the petitioners have married each other in exercise of their constitutional right of freedom to choose a life partner and to cohabit as per such choice as legal adults, the respondents cannot have any say or sway in the same. The State is required to accord them due protection. It is so directed.

Mr. Richa Kapoor, the learned counsel for the State states that P-1 had sought protection by a letter dated 03.10.2018 which was received by the

police on 04.10.2018. Thereafter, the local police visited her residence, as furnished by her. She was present there. The police furnished three telephone numbers of the police officers from the Police Station of the area concerned. The father of P-1 resides in the same building. He too was present in the meeting and was sensitized to the need to maintain peace. Appropriate proceedings have been initiated against the other respondents who are required to maintain peace. The SHO of the area shall ensure that due protection is provided to the petitioners in terms of threat to them, as may be assessed.

Additionally, the three telephone numbers shall be kept operational at all times so that any exigency can be intimated on either of the numbers by the petitioners. The learned counsel for the State 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.

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NAJMI WAZIRI, J

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