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

+ W.P. (CRL) 3190/2018

SMT. TANU RAGHAV & ANR. Petitioner
Through: Mr. Tanvir Khan & Mr. Himanshu
Gupta, Advs.

versus

STATE & ORS. Respondents
Through: Ms. Richa Kapoor, ASC with Mr. Amita
Sachdeva, Adv. with SI Ashwani, PS Jyoti Nagar.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

% **16.10.2018**

The petitioners are legal adults and have married each other of their free volition. The parents of petitioner no. 1 are said to be inimical to them as the said marriage is without their consent. The petitioners apprehend a threat to their life, limb and liberty from the said parents and accordingly seek protection for the same.

Ms. Richa Kapoor, the learned counsel for the State accepts notice and assures the Court that the matter shall be 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. 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.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

OCTOBER 16, 2018/acm