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

+ W.P.(CRL) 3187/2018, CRL.M.A. 34454/2018

REHMAT & ANR

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Bilal Anwar Khan, Advocate.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS

..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Iti Pandey, Advocate for Ms. Nandita Rao, ASC for State with SI Pankaj Kumar, PS-Sarai Rohilla and SI Kuldeep Singh, PS-Bharat Nagar.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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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 parents of the petitioner No.1 and accordingly seek protection for them.

The learned counsel for the State assures the Court that the matter shall be looked into by the SHO of the area concerned and the parents will be duly sensitized to maintain peace as well as to the fact that legal adults have a right to make their own decision in choosing a life partner and their 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. Iti Pandey, Advocate 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

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