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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
+ W.P.(CRL) 3502/2018, CrI. M.A. 47422/2018 (Exemption)
IMRAN & ORS. Petitioner

Through: Mr. D.K. Pandey, Adv.

Versus

STATE & ORS. Respondent

Through: Mr. Avi Singh, ASC with Mr. Tanuj
Bhadona, Adv. with SI Ombir Singh, P.S.
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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

% 16.11.2018

The petitioners are legal adults and have married each other of their free volition on 4.10.2018 at Ahmadabad, Gujarat. They now reside in Delhi at the address furnished in the petition. However, upon visit by the police, they were not found residing at the said address. They are stated to have moved therefrom three years ago. A Status Report to this effect has been filed. Their non-availability at the said address would however be understandable, in the circumstances such as the present, considering that when a young married couple fears for its life and security and it would ordinarily live a peripatetic life till such time that appropriate protection is provided to them. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he would furnish the fresh address of the petitioners, as well as their telephone numbers to the learned counsel for the State in the course of the day, which in turn would be given to the police officer. The latter shall not disclose the same to any other party.

Since the petitioners apprehend great threat to their life, limb and liberty from respondent no. 2, the father of petitioner no. 2, Mr. Avi Singh,

the learned counsel for the State assures the Court that due protection shall be accorded to the petitioner. Additionally, he submits that the petitioners will be interacted with and will be provided three telephone numbers of police officers including one of the 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. The Court is assured by the learned counsel for the State 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*. The Beat Constable shall record entries in his Beat Book for a month.

The learned counsel for the State further submits that the SHO concerned shall sensitize the respondents about the petitioners' fundamental right to choose a life partner; to marry as per their free volition; to live a life according to their choice and nobody has a right to interfere in the same.

Should the petitioners shift their address to the jurisdiction of any other Police Station in Delhi, the same protection shall be granted to them by the SHO of the subsequent Police Station as well.

The petition is disposed off in the above terms.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J.

NOVEMBER 16, 2018/acm