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

+ W.P.(CRL) 3681/2018, CRL.M.A. 48746/2018

EKTA & ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Ajit Nair and Mr. Avdesh N.,
Advocates.

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF DELHI POLICE & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Kamna Vohra, ASC for State
with SI Sandeep, PS-Rani Bagh.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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04.12.2018

The petitioners claim to be legal adults and have married each other of their free volition. Respondent nos. 3 & 4 are said to be inimical to them as the said marriage is without their consent. Petitioner no. 1 is stated to be 18 years of age. Her School Leaving Certificate and card issued by UIDAI show her date of birth as 25.11.2000. The date of birth of petitioner no. 2 is stated to be 10.02.1991, as per the card issued by the UIDAI. A Certificate of Marriage dated 26.11.2018 has been attached with the petition. In effect, petitioner no. 1 is stated to have married a day after attaining the age of majority. The petitioners apprehend a threat to the life, limb and liberty from the said respondents and accordingly seek protection from this Court.

Ms. Kamna Vohra, the learned counsel for the State assures the Court that the matter has been looked into by the SHO of the area concerned and the said respondents 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 nobody can interfere in the exercise of such right. The petitioners have also written letters to various police stations, including Delhi Police as well as Police Station, Kanina, District- Mahendergarh, Haryana. Both the Police Stations will impress upon respondent nos. 3 and 4 to maintain peace. 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. Vohra 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. The said address shall not be shared by the police with anybody else.

No further orders are required at this stage.

The petition stands disposed-off accordingly.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

DECEMBER 04, 2018

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