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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
+ W.P.(CRL) 80/2019, CRL.M.A. 595/2019 (Interim protection)
BHAVNA JHA & ANR

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. A.C.P. Gautam, Adv.

versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ORS

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Avi Singh, ASC with Mr. Tanuj
Bhadana, Adv. for State; SI Pankaj Kumar, P.S. K.
Nagar.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

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% 14.01.2019

The petitioners are legal adults and have married each other of their free volition. The parents and other relatives of both the petitioners are said to be inimical to them as the said marriage is without their consent. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives, limbs and liberty from the said parents and relatives and accordingly seek protection for the same.

Mr. Avi Singh, 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 and relatives 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. Mr. Avi Singh 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 intimate their address in Delhi to the SHO concerned in case of change.

No further orders are required at this stage.

The petition stands disposed-off accordingly.

A copy of this order be given *dasti* to the learned counsel for the parties under the signature of the Court Master.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

JANUARY 14, 2019/acm