IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH AT GWALIOR

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE ANAND PATHAK

ON THE 5th OF FEBRUARY, 2024

WRIT PETITION No. 2096 of 2024

BETWEEN:-

1. **SMT. NEELAM SHARMA W/O SHRI VISHNU SHARMA D/O SHRI RAJVEER SHARMA, AGED ABOUT 23 YEARS, OCCUPATION: HOUSEWIFE SHIV NAGAR COLONY JOURI A.B. ROAD, DISTRICT MORENA M.P. (MADHYA PRADESH)**

2. **VISHNU SHARMA S/O SHRI SEETARAM SHARMA, AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS, OCCUPATION: PVT. WORK SHIV NAGAR COLONY JOURI A.B. ROAD MORENA (MADHYA PRADESH)**

.....PETITIONERS

(BY SHRI SANJAY SINGH - ADVOCATE)

AND

1. **THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH THROUGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY VALLABH BHAWAN BHOPAL MP (MADHYA PRADESH)**

2. **THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE POLICE HEADQUARTERS MORENA (MADHYA PRADESH)**

3. **STATION HOUSE OFFICER POLICE HEADQUARTERS CIVIL LINES MORENA (MADHYA PRADESH)**

4. **RAJVEER SHARMA S/O SHRI CHINGARAM SHARMA, AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, VILL. RAHLAI POST RAHLAI, AGRA (UTTAR PRADESH)**

.....RESPONDENTS

(BY SHRI N.S.TOMAR - GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE)

This petition coming on for admission this day, the court passed the following:

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ORDER

1. Petitioners are present in person.

2 . In this petition, the petitioners *inter alia* seeking direction to the respondents to provide protection to them.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners, who are major, have married each other on their own volition. For establishing the age of petitioners No.1 and No.2, adhar-cards and mark-sheets have been produced. However, members of family of petitioner No.1 are harassing and victimizing the petitioners. It is further submitted that the instant petition may be disposed of with the direction to the Superintendent of Police, Morena to provide protection to the petitioners. Petitioners further undertake to live peacefully with each other. In support of his submission, learned counsel for the petitioners has placed reliance on the decision in **Lata Singh v. State of U.P. and another**, **(2006) 5 SCC 475** and in the case of **Shakti Vahini Vs. Union of India and Others**, **2018 (7) SCC 192**.

4. On the other hand, learned Government Advocate for the respondents No.1 to 3/State fairly submitted that in case petitioners approach the police authorities, suitable action in the matter shall be taken.

5. Taking into account the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and as agreed to by them, this writ petition is disposed of with the direction to the Superintendent of Police, Morena to look into the matter and take appropriate steps expeditiously for providing protection to the petitioners only, in view of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in **Lata Singh and Shakti Vahini (supra)**. This protection is only to the petitioners regarding marriage and would be given subject to verification of age of both the petitioners as well as factum of marriage. Petitioners shall live peacefully without

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causing any embarrassment/harassment to each other.

6. The petition stands **disposed of accordingly**.

7. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion with regard to validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

8. Certified copy as per rules.

(ANAND PATHAK)
JUDGE

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