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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 1373/2024**
DHANAK OF HUMANITY AND ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr.Utkarsh Singh, Adv.

versus

STATE OF NCT AND ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Rahul Tyagi, ASC(CrI),
Mr.Sangeet Sibou, Mr.Amit
Kumar, Mr.Sachin Kumar,
Mr.Mridul Chakravarty,
Ms.Anjali Rohtagi, Ms.Rishita
Sharma, Advs. with SI Sachin
Dhama.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

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03.05.2024

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226 Constitution of India read with Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, praying for the following reliefs:

“A. Issue an appropriate writ, direction or order directing the respondents to provide safe houses to the petitioner no.2 and 3;

B. Issue an appropriate writ, direction or order directing the respondents to provide protection to the petitioner no.2 and no.3.”

2. It is the case of the petitioners that the petitioner nos.2 and 3 belong to Jodhpur, Rajasthan and presently reside in Delhi. They both are major and are known to each other. They left their residence on 03.03.2024 to re-locate to Delhi as they were having inter-caste



relationship. They have married each other on 04.03.2024 at Delhi. They perceive threat from the family members of the petitioner no.2. The petitioners have filed representations/applications with the respondents praying for protection and also to be put in a safe house.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in violation of the 'Standard Operating Procedure on Safe House and Special Cells for Couples of Inter-Caste Faith Marriage' (in short, 'SOP') issued by the respondents, appropriate action was not taken on the complaints/representations filed by the petitioners.

4. Issue notice.

5. Notice is accepted by Mr.Rahul Tyagi, the learned ASC, on behalf of the respondents.

6. He submits that the mobile numbers of the concerned SHO and Beat Constable have also been shared with the petitioners and in case they perceive any threats from any person, they may contact the said officers on those numbers. He assures that prompt action shall be taken, in case any complaint is received from the petitioners.

7. He further assures the Court that prompt action shall be taken on the complaint/representation of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with the 'SOP' referred hereinabove, and decision thereon communicated to the petitioners.

8. The decision of the respondents on the complaints/representations made by the petitioners shall be communicated to the petitioners latest by 06.05.2024. It is made clear that in case the petitioners are aggrieved of the decision taken by the respondents on their complaint, it shall be open to the petitioners to file an appropriate



application in this regard, in the present petition.

9. The present petition is disposed of recording the above submissions of the ASC and with the above directions.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MAY 3, 2024/Arya/am

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