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

+ W.P.(CRL) 1321/2021

DHANAK OF HUMANITY & ORS. .... Petitioners

Represented by: Mr.Utkarsh Singh, Advocate.  
Petitioners present through video conferencing.

versus

STATE OF NCT & ANR. .... Respondents

Represented by: Mr.Rajesh Mahajan, Additional  
Standing Counsel for State with  
Ms.Jyoti Babbar, Advocate with  
Inspector Vivek Tyagi, SHO and SI  
Sanjay, PS Mayur Vihar.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MUKTA GUPTA**

**ORDER**

**23.07.2021**

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The hearing has been conducted through Video Conferencing.

1. The petitioner Nos.2 and 3, who are present through video conferencing, state that they are major, however, their relationship is not acceptable to their family members for the reason the couple belongs to LGBTQ community. The petitioner Nos.2 and 3 hail from Punjab and now are in Delhi for solemnisation of their marriage.
2. It is the grievance of the petitioners that the petitioner Nos.2 and 3 escaped and reached to the petitioner No.1 with whom they were connected since 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021, however on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, petitioner Nos.2 and 3 were assaulted by the family members of the petitioner No.2, thus the petitioner Nos.2 and 3 seek safe house and protection.
3. Issue notice.

4. Learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 and 2.
5. On a query raised by this Court as to where the State of Delhi has opened its safe houses in terms of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of Shakti Vahini vs. Union of India, W.P.(Civil) No.231/2010 vide order dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State submits that a safe house has been opened at Seva Kutir Complex, Kingsway Camp, Delhi in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
6. SHO, PS Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi will ensure that the petitioners are taken from the office of the petitioner No.1 and lodged at the safe house at Seva Kutir Complex, Kingsway Camp, Delhi where they would be given necessary protection by the concerned SHO through beat staff/division officer and other security maintained at the Seva Kutir complex.
7. Learned counsel for the petitioners further states that he will implead parents of petitioner Nos.2 and 3 as respondent Nos.3 to 6 by filing amended memo of parties within two days. On the amended memo of parties being filed issue notice to the newly added respondent Nos.3 to 6 on the petitioners taking steps through email, SMS, whatsapp, Speed Post and courier, returnable before this Court on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021.
8. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

**MUKTA GUPTA, J.**

**JULY 23, 2021**

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