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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 935/2026 & CRL.M.A. 8867/2026**

AMRITA KUMARI AND ANR

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Harvinder Chowdhury, Mr.
Atul Kumar Yadav and Ms.
Sangita Malhotra, Advocates

versus

**COMMISSIONER OF POLICE DELHI AND
ORS.**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC for
State.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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20.03.2026

1. This petition has been taken up for hearing at 5:30 PM pursuant to the directions of Hon'ble the Chief Justice, upon being mentioned by Ms. Harvinder Chowdhury, learned counsel for the petitioners.
2. Issue notice. Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, learned Additional Standing Counsel, accepts notice for the State. Ms. Chowdhury is permitted to serve a copy of the petition upon the learned Standing Counsel for the State of Uttar Pradesh and the learned Standing Counsel for the State of Bihar before the Supreme Court by 21.03.2026. Learned Standing Counsel are requested to take instructions and assist this Court on the next date of hearing.
3. The petitioners, though adults, are young individuals – a woman



aged 19 years and a man aged 22 years. They state that they have run away from their respective homes in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar together. They have approached this Court seeking protection against apprehended threats of honour killing from their respective family members. In this regard, they have arrayed the father and brother of petitioner No. 1, as well as the father of petitioner No. 2, as respondent Nos. 7 to 9 in the present petition.

4. Ms. Chowdhury submits that this petition had been filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and the acknowledgement of e-filing has been handed up in Court and taken on record. She further submits that she personally mentioned the matter before the Hon'ble Supreme Court both yesterday and today, and that the petitioners were granted liberty to approach this Court. Although, no formal order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court has been placed on record to this effect, and it is her submission that such liberty was granted by way of an oral observation of the Court. I am informed by the Registry that the learned Registrar of this Court was also telephonically informed by the learned Registrar (Judicial) of the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the Bench presided by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India had granted permission to the petitioners to approach this Court.

5. I have perused the Aadhaar Cards of the petitioners annexed to the writ petition and note that the date of birth of petitioner No. 1 is recorded as 08.06.2006, while that of petitioner No. 2 is recorded as 03.01.2004. Both petitioners have, therefore, attained the age of majority.

6. The petitioners seek protection to enable them to travel to the home of petitioner No.2 in the State of Uttar Pradesh. This will require the assistance of learned counsel for the State of Uttar Pradesh.



7. In order to enable Ms. Chowdhury to take necessary steps, it is, at her request, directed that the petition be listed on 24.03.2026.

8. Ms. Chowdhury states that, in the meanwhile, she has provided shelter to the petitioners in her residence, and apprehends a threat, not only to their safety, but also to the safety of her own family.

9. In order to allay any apprehension of this nature, Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, learned Additional Standing Counsel, appearing on advance notice, submits that the contact details of the Station House Officer [“SHO”] and the Beat Constable having jurisdiction over the area of Ms. Chowdhury’s residence will be shared with her. Ms. Chowdhury submits that she shall share the address of her residence with Mr. Bhandari to facilitate the same. He further states that the SHO and the Beat Constable shall keep a vigil over the premises, and that the petitioners, as well as Ms. Chowdhury and her family members, may contact them in the event of any exigency.

10. A copy of this order be given *dasti* under the signature of the Court Master.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

MARCH 20, 2026

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