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**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding
"Special Cell for Protection of the Run-away Couples" at
Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), Sec-17, Chandigarh.**

Introduction:

The special cell for the protection of the Run-away Couple has been setup at Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), Sec-17, Chandigarh vide order no. 9132-77/UT/HAC, dated 09.12.2021 in compliance of order dated 31.8.2021 of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Courts passed in CRM-M-23537 of 2020 titled as Ravi Kumar vs State of Haryana & CRM-M-23805 of 2020 titled as Sahab Ram Vs State of Haryana and in CRWP no. 2428 of 2021 titled as Lovepreet Kaur & other Vs State of Punjab & others. Further, a State Level Committee constituted for the purpose by the Advisor to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh vide Endst. No. 426556-HIII(2)-2021/12928 dated 13.9.2021 will monitor and examine all the relevant issues of compliance of directions passed by the Hon'ble Courts in this matter.

1. Reporting by the Run-away Couples:

The Run-away couples may use following facilities for reporting threat/Crime against them.

- i. Dial 112 Emergency Response Service Scheme (ERSS),
- ii. Helpline number 0172-2924847 and 9855702356 round the clock 24x7
- iii. Chandigarh Police has created a link on its website as "Special Cell for Protection of the Run-away Couples" to raise their grievances without the necessity of being physically presence or going to a Police Station.

2. Threat Assessment and Security:

(a) After receiving a call, PCR Vehicle will be moved to the spot and the Duty Officer along with Officials of this Special cell will rush to the spot immediately after making proper entry in the register of the Special cell and Crime & Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS). The Duty Officer will make assessment of threat to the newly married Run-away Couples and provide them security if required. Immediate steps will be taken to shift them to a safe house. Accordingly, the Run-away Couple will be admitted in Protection Home/Safe House, sec-19 B, Chandigarh as per the guidelines of Protection home/safe house. In case of minor girl, she will be sent to Aashiana, Sec-15, Chandigarh.

(b) In case Run-away Couples are from the other states, the concerned DGP of the state will be informed accordingly. Then, it will be responsibility of the concerned state to send them to safe house of their area and for further necessary action at their end and to comply with the Hon'ble Court's order. In case the Run-away Couples are from Haryana or Punjab they will be dropped by the special cell at Panchkula/Mohali safe house/protection home.

(c) In case of reporting of any caste or religion-related violence or honour killing, immediately First Information Report (FIR) will be registered at concerned Police Station and intimation will be simultaneously given to concerned Dy. Superintendent of Police/SHO of the area who in-turn shall ensure effective investigation in the matter with in the period of 60/90 days as the case may be as far as possible.

3. To collect and Maintain Data:

This special Cell shall collect and maintain the information and prepare the data for one year in respect of newly married Run-away Couples who have approached to Hon'ble High Court or District and Sessions Judge or Police in UT Chandigarh.