Sr. No. 125

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 179/2026

Harvinder Singh and another …. Petitioner/Appellant(s)

Through:- Mr. Anies Mohd., Advocate

V/s

UT of J&K and others …..Respondent(s)

Through:- Ms. Priyanka Bhat, Advocate vice
Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE WASIM SADIQ NARGAL, JUDGE

ORDER
03.02.2026

1. The petitioners seek a direction to respondents 1 to 3 to provide them the police protection as they apprehend danger to their lives from respondent Nos. 4 and 5. It is submitted that the petitioners are major and out of their free will they got married. Copy of marriage certificate has been placed on record. They submit that since they have contracted the marriage against the wishes of respondent Nos. 4 and 5, as such, they are facing harassment at his hands.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners refers to the decision of the Supreme Court in Lata Singh v. State of U.P. and anr., 2006 (5) SCC 475, and submits that in absence of there being any legal impediment, the petitioners are entitled to marry according to their choice and the official respondents are duty bound to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.
3. Any person having attained the age of majority is entitled to contract the marriage as per his/her wishes and the police department is duty bound to protect the life and liberty, if approached. However, it

appears that the petitioners have not ever approached the official respondents for their indulgence in the matter for providing protection to them.

4. In this view of the matter, this petition is disposed of, at this stage, by providing that the respondents 1 to 3 shall look into the grievance of the petitioners for providing them adequate security and to ensure that nobody interferes in their married life, if they approach them. It is made clear that no opinion has been expressed with regard to the validity of their marriage.

5. The writ petition is, accordingly, **disposed of**.

(WASIM SADIQ NARGAL)
JUDGE

Jammu
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Vishal Khajuria