

Serial No. 13

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU**

Case:- WP(C) No. 496/2024
CM No. 1174/2024

1. **Sattrra Dev Singh, Age 27 years**
S/o Sh. Parshotam Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

2. **Muskan Devi, Age 23 years**
W/o Sh. Sattrra Dev Singh
D/o Bashir Ahmed

Both residents of Village Rang,
Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur.

Through: Mr. Sudesh Sharma, Advocate.

Vs

1. **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**
through Director General of Police,
Police Headquarters, Jammu.

..... Respondent(s)

2. **The Senior Superintendant of Police (SSP),**
Samba.

3. **The SHO, Police Station, Bari Brahmana, District**
Samba.

4. **Asif S/o Bashir Ahmed**
R/o Village Bari,
Post Office Smailpur,
Tehsil Bari Brahmana District Samba.

Through: Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG.

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAVED IQBAL WANI, JUDGE

ORDER
(11.03.2024)

1. The petitioners, through the present petition, seek a direction to official respondents to provide them the police protection as they apprehend danger to their lives from respondent no. 4. It is submitted that the petitioners are major and out of their free will they got married. Copy of marriage agreement has been placed on record. They submit that since they have contracted the marriage against the wishes of private respondents, as such, they are facing harassment at the hands of respondent no. 4.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners refers to the decision of the Supreme Court in **Lata Singh v. State of U.P. and another 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 official respondents 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 along with connected application.

(JAVED IQBAL WANI)
JUDGE

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