

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

WP(C) No. 2408/2024

Priya Devi and Anr.

.....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Shamima Jan, Advocate

vs

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir
and Ors.

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNESH OSWAL, JUDGE

ORDER
08.10.2024

01. The grievance of the petitioners is that being majors, they have solemnized their marriage on 03.10.2024 with their free will and without any pressure, threat or coercion. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the respondent Nos. 5 to 11 are continuously harassing and threatening the petitioners of dire consequences despite knowing the fact that the petitioners have solemnized their marriage. The petitioners have raised an apprehension of a threat to their life at the hands of private respondents. The petitioners have placed on record photocopy of date of birth certificate of petitioner No. 1 issued by the J&K State Board of School Education and photocopy of "Medical Certificate of Age" of petitioner No. 2 in support of their age proof. The petitioners have also placed on record the copy of marriage agreement and copy of marriage certificate.

02. Without commenting upon the validity of the marriage, this writ petition is **disposed of** at this stage with a direction to the petitioners that in

the event they apprehend any threat to their life and liberty at the hands of the respondent Nos. 5 to 11, they shall approach respondent No. 4 i.e. SHO, Police Station, Nagrota, Jammu, who shall look into the grievance of the petitioners and if found genuine, he shall provide protection to the petitioners against the threats from respondent Nos. 5 to 11. This order shall not be considered as a stamp of approval of marriage solemnized between the petitioners and shall not come in the way of investigation in the event any FIR has been registered.

(RAJNESH OSWAL)
JUDGE

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