Serial No.39
Regular Cause List

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR**

WP(C) 2608/2026
CM(7113/2026)

AZRA ASHRAF AND ANOTHER …Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s).

Through: Mr. Imtiyaz Rashid, Advocate

**Vs.**

UNION TERRITORY OF J AND K AND OTHERS (POLICE / HOME) ...Respondent(s).

Through:

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

**ORDER**

21.10.2026

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 No. 4. It is submitted that the petitioners are major and out of their free will they got married. Copy of Nikahnama has been placed on record. They submit that since they have contracted the marriage against the wishes of the respondent No.4, 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 directing that the respondents 1 to 7 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. Learned counsel for the petitioners shall produce the original and authentic proof of age of petitioner No. 2 before the Registrar Judicial of this Court within one week from today. It is made clear that the continuation of the protection granted to the petitioners shall be subject to the production of such proof and verification that petitioner No. 2 has attained the age of majority. In the event of failure to comply with this direction, the protection granted to the petitioners shall not continue.
6. The writ petition is, accordingly, ***disposed of***.

**(WASIM SADIQ NARGAL)**
**JUDGE**

**SRINAGAR**
21.10.2026
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