



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

WP(C) No. 2159/2026
CM No. 4678/2026

Salma Tabassum & Anr

.....Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Khan, Advocate

Vs

UT of J&K & Ors

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mrs. Monika Kohli, Sr. AAG with
Ms. Priyanka Bhat, Assisting Counsel for R-1 & 2

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

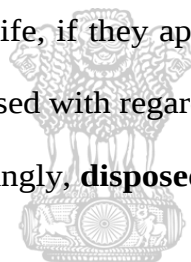
ORDER
(17.07.2026)

1. Petitioners through the medium of this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seek directions from this Court to command Respondents 1 and 2 to provide them the police protection as they apprehend danger to their lives from Respondents 3 to 6. It is submitted that the petitioners are major and out of their free will, they got married. Copy of Marriage agreement (Nikahnama Certificate) dated 19.12.2022 has been placed on record. It is further submitted that since the petitioners have contracted marriage against the wishes of Respondents 3 to 6, as such, they are facing harassment at their hands. The petitioners, in support of their date of birth, have placed on record their 10th Class Grade Card, issued by the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education.
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, **the instant petition is disposed of**, at this stage, by directing Respondents 1 and 2 to 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 CMs.**



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(WASIM SADIQ NARGAL)
JUDGE

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