HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR

WP(C) 566/2024 CM(1539/2024) CM(1744/2024)

Muzamil Amin & Anr.

...Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Abid Zahoor, Advocate.

Vs.

Union Territory of J&K and Others.

...Respondent(s)

Through: Ms. Maha Majeed, Assisting Counsel vice

Mr. Mohsin S. Qadri, Sr. AAG.

CORAM:

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

<u>ORDER</u> 29.03.2024

CM 1744/2024:

- O1. This Court vide Order dated 22nd March, 2024 directed the learned counsel for the petitioners to place on record the authentic age proof of the petitioners and in compliance to the said order, the learned counsel for the petitioners has filed the present application, for placing on record the photocopy of document certifying the age of the petitioner. Original document has also been produced by the learned counsel for the petitioners, which has also been perused.
- 02. For the reasons stated in the application, coupled with what has been argued by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the same is allowed and the photocopy of the document annexed with the instant application is taken on record.
- 03. CM 1744/2024 is accordingly **disposed** of.

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04. The petitioners seek a direction to the 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. The petitioners submit that since they have

contracted the marriage against the wishes of Respondent No. 4, as such,

they are facing harassment at his hands. Copy of Nikah Nama has been

placed on record.

05. The 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.

06. 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.

07. In view the above, this writ 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 the petitioners approach them. It is made

clear that no opinion has been expressed with regard to the validity of the

marriage of the petitioners.

08. Writ petition **disposed of** along with connected CM as above.

(WASIM SADIQ NARGAL) JUDGE

<u> 38111AGAR</u> 29.03.2024

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