

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

(Through Virtual Mode)

WP(C) No.1118/2020
CM No.3145/2020
CM No.3144/2020

Fatima

..... Petitioner(s)

Through: -
Mr Zulker Nain Sheikh, Advocate.

V/s

Union Territory of JK & Ors.

..... Respondent(s)

Through: -
Mr S. S. Nanda, Sr. AAG.

CORAM:

Hon'ble Mr Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Judge.
(On Video Conference from High Court at Srinagar)

ORDER
20.07.2020

CM No.3145/2020:

This application is filed with a prayer that the applicant may be allowed to file the accompanying petition without enclosing therewith the requisite Stamp Paper, Court fee, etc.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, coupled with submissions made at the Bar, the instant application is ***allowed*** and the applicant is permitted to file the accompanying petition, being WP(C) No.1118/2020; CM No.3144/2020, without enclosing therewith the requisite Stamp Paper, Court fee, etc. It is, however, directed that the said deficiency shall be immediately made good by the applicant, as and when the prevailing lockdown period, announced by the Government on account of outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, comes to an end.

CM ***disposed*** of as above.

WP(C) No.1118/2020; CM No.3144/2020:

The petitioner claims that she, out of her own free will, on 14th of June, 2020, converted her religion/faith to Islam and adopted a Muslim name as Fatima and that as soon as this factum of conversion of religion of the petitioner came to the knowledge of respondents 7 to 9 and his other relations, they started extending threats to the petitioner. It is stated that the respondents 7 to 9 and his relations are continuously threatening the petitioner to renounce Islam and revert back to her original religion, i.e., Hinduism. It is pleaded that the life of the petitioner has been made miserable by the respondents 7 to 9 and her relations who are creating a fear psychosis in the mind of the petitioner and have given her ultimatum that in case she would not revert back to Hinduism she would be eliminated. On 20th of June, 2020, the petitioner is stated to have filed an application before the Station House Officer, SHO, Police Station, Kishtwar, seeking protection, however, nothing substantial was done in this regard and the petitioner continues to live in fear psychosis and is not being allowed to freely profess and propagate her religion, thereby resulting in violation of her fundamental rights as enshrined under the Constitution of India.

Heard.

Admit.

Notice in the main petition as well as in the connected CM.

Notice waived by Mr Nanda, learned Senior Additional Advocate General, on behalf of the respondents 1 to 6.

Notice shall go to the rest of the respondents, returnable by or before the next date of hearing.

List on 24th of August, 2020.

Meanwhile, the respondents 1 to 6 shall ensure protection to the life and liberty of the petitioner in accordance with law.

(Ali Mohammad Magrey)
Judge

JAMMU
July 6th, 2020
"TAHIR"

