

# LADAKH RESERVES ALL JOBS FOR REGION RESIDENTS

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All jobs in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh have been reserved for the residents of the region, according to an order issued on Tuesday.

“No person shall be qualified for appointment to the service unless the person is a resident of the UT of Ladakh,” reads the order issued by Lieutenant-Governor R.K. Mathur

The new recruitment rules are mentioned in the Clause 11 of the Union Territory of Ladakh Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021.

The move has met a long-pending demand of the people of Ladakh, after it was carved out as a UT on August 5, 2019. “It was our demand since the bifurcation of J&K almost two years ago. It’s a welcome move,” Chief Executive Councillor, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council-Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan told *The Hindu* .

He said the order has come very late as many unemployed youths have crossed the upper age limit in the past two years. “We will also demand age relaxation for fresh recruitments,” Mr. Khan said. He said there should be similar laws on land too. “At present, the State land of the UT comes under twin elected councils, Leh and Kargil. However, private land does not have any protection.”

Mr. Khan said till the Centre meets the demand of the Sixth Schedule for the UT, it should also grant legislative powers to the twin councils.

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