



Banning Land Purchase

Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand government decided to **ban land purchase by outsiders** for agriculture or horticulture purposes.

Key Points

- The official release stated that the **District Magistrates (DMs) will not issue permission** to outsiders to purchase land for the purpose of agriculture and horticulture.
- On 22nd December 2023, the government constituted a **five-member drafting committee** under the **chairmanship of additional chief secretary** (home) Radha Raturi for a detailed examination of the report submitted by the committee on land laws.
- The government is allegedly taking the steps in accordance with the public's sentiments which it places paramount in this case.
 - CM Dhama had set up a high-level committee to make recommendations for **striking a balance between the requirement of land for industrial development projects** in the state and the preservation of land that is currently available in Uttarakhand.
- **Specific demands are being raised by public such as**, in all projects, and industries set up in hilly areas, in which land acquisition or purchase is mandatory or will be done in the future, **25% share of local villagers and 25% share of native residents of the district must be ensured**. And 80% employment should be ensured to local people in these projects, '.
- It is **necessary to introduce these measures to ensure that natives have the first right to resources of the state** – jal (water), jangal (forests), jameen (land) – and will ensure employment for the locals.

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