

Ladakh Resident Certificate Order 2021

Why in News

Recently, the Ladakh administration has decided to issue **Resident Certificate only to the Permanent Resident Certificate** holders of the region.

- This is unlike J&K where <u>new domicile laws</u> also permit outsiders to apply for jobs, land and other facilities.
- Earlier, when <u>Article 370 and Article 35A</u> of Indian constitution were in vogue in J&K and Ladakh, all jobs in the erstwhile state of J&K including Ladakh were exclusively reserved for permanent residents of the State.

Key Points

- About:
 - Any person who possesses a Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC) issued by the
 competent authority (Tehsildars) in the districts of Leh and Kargil or belongs to a
 category of persons who would have been eligible to be issued PRC shall be eligible to
 receive the Resident Certificate.
 - The Administration also enhanced the upper age limit for entry into government services against all posts.
 - The **age relaxation would be a one-time exception** and this relaxation shall remain in force for two years.

Objective:

- It is to temporarily define Resident of Union Territory of Ladakh for the purpose of appointment to all the non-gazetted posts borne on the establishment of any department or service of administration of Ladakh.
- Permanent Residence Certificate (PRC):

About:

- It is a kind of domicile certificate which helps people in availing domicile linked quotas in government jobs and admission in educational institutions.
 - PRC in India is **issued by states** like Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur.

Purpose:

• It is a legal document that **serves as a proof of residence** and thus must be submitted wherever a residence proof is required.

• Use:

- For taking admission in educational organisations and job reservation under specific quotas especially for government jobs, etc. to get local preferences.
- For **obtaining a ration card** of the respective state and cast the vote in the

elections.

• For **availing the benefits of various schemes** of the state or to claim scholarships of the State.

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