



**THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH  
SOCIAL AND TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

**NOTIFICATION**

Ladakh, the \_\_\_\_\_ February, 2023

S.O No. \_\_\_\_\_ In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6 of The Anand Marriage Act, 1909 (Central Act 7 of 1909), read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, S.O.1467(E) dated 19th April, 2016, published in part-II sub-section (ii) of Gazette of India, Extraordinary 19th April, 2016, the Administration of Union territory of Ladakh, hereby pleased to makes the following rules to provide for the registration of Marriages, [solemnised under the Anand Marriage Act, 1909](#). These Rules shall come into effect from the date of publication in Official Gazette after the approval of the Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh, hence hereby published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of **fifteen (15) days** from the date on which the copy is made available to the public;

Objection and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to Social & Tribal Welfare Dept., Old JNV Building, UT Secretariat Leh, UT of Ladakh, or by email at [stw-ladakh@ladakh.gov.in](mailto:stw-ladakh@ladakh.gov.in)

The objections and suggestions which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period specified above, will be considered by the Administration of Union territory of Ladakh.

**(Padma Angmo)**  
Commissioner/Secretary  
Social/Tribal Welfare Department  
Union Territory of Ladakh.

This Rules namely: -

**1. Short title and Commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called The Ladakh Anand Marriages Registration Rules, 2022.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

**2. Definitions.** - (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) "Act" means the Anand Marriage Act, 1909 (7 of 1909) as amended by the Anand Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2012 (29 of 2012);

(b) "Anand Marriage" means Anand Marriage commonly known as Anand Karaj solemnized under the Act;

I/11556/2023 (2) "District Registrar" means the Deputy Commissioner or District Magistrate of the concerned district;

(d) "Form" means the Form appended to these rules;

(e) "Parties to the marriage" means both Bride and Groom.

(e) "Register" means a register of Anand Marriages maintained by the Registrar of Marriage;

(f) "Registrar" means the Registrar of marriages/marriage officer as appointed under rule 3;

(2) Words and expressions used in these rules but not defined, shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act.

**3. Authorization of Registrar:** - For the purpose of registration of Anand Marriage within the Union territory of Ladakh, the concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Marriage Officer as appointed by the Administration of the Union territory of Ladakh by notification for registration of marriages in Ladakh will be the Registrar within their respective jurisdiction.

**4. Jurisdiction.** - The Anand Marriage shall be registered with the Registrar within whose jurisdiction place of residence of either party or the place where such marriage is solemnized in Ladakh.

**5. Maintenance of Register of Marriages.** - The Registrar shall maintain a Register of Anand Marriages in Form I.

**6. Procedure for Registration.** - (1) **within a period of sixty days**

The parties to Anand Marriage shall prepare Memorandum is duplicate, in Form-II and submit the same to the Registrar alongwith documents to prove the solemnization of the marriage to the satisfaction of the Registrar, alongwith Registration fee of **Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only)**, provided that for Registration of Marriages solemnized before the commencement of these rules, Memorandum shall be submitted within a period of one year from the date of commencement of these rules.

(2) The memorandum shall be signed by both the parties to the marriage and at least two other persons who have witnessed the marriage.

(3) The parties to the marriage who have not registered their marriage within the period specified under Sub-rule (i) shall get their marriage registered by submitting the memorandum to the Registrar in Form-II and a declaration in Form-III alongwith documents to prove the solemnization of the marriage to the satisfaction of the Registrar of Marriages.

**7. Verification and registration of marriage.** - (1) Where on verification and scrutiny of the memorandum and documents received under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (3) of Rule 6, the registrar is satisfied that the marriage has been solemnized, he shall enter the particulars of the marriage in the register and issue a certificate of Anand Marriage in Form-IV.

(2) Where the registrar has reasons in to believe that –

(a) The marriage between the parties has not been performed in accordance with Anand Marriage Ceremony; or

(b) The identity of the parties or the witness testifying the solemnization of the marriage is not established; or

I/11556/2023 (2) The documents tendered before him do not provide the marital status of the parties, he may, call upon the parties to produce such further information or documents as he may deem necessary for establishing the identity of the parties and the witnesses or correctness of the information presented to him within a period of thirty days from date of receipt of memorandum.

**8. Refusal of Registration.** - The Registrar may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, refuse the registration of marriage, if the parties to the marriage fail to comply with the directions issued by him under sub-rule (2) of rule 7.

**9. Issuance of Certificate of Anand Marriage.** - The Registrar shall provide two copies of the certificate of Anand Marriage to the couple, free of charge, within fifteen days of receiving the application.

**10. Correction of the Entries in the Register.** - The Registrar may on an application made by any party to the marriage, within thirty days of registration, if satisfied that there is typographical or clerical mistakes in the entries made in the register or on the certificate or registration in relation to the name, age or date of marriage, may make suitable corrections with previous sanction of the District Registrar and affix his signatures to each such correction.

**11. Appeal.** - (1) Any party to the marriage, aggrieved by the decision of registration may file an appeal to the District Registrar within a period of three months from the date of communication of such decision:

Provided that the delay, if any, in filing such appeal may be condoned for the reasons to be recorded in writing, by the District Registrar that they had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within the specified period.

(2) The District Registrar shall, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the parties concerned, dispose of the appeal within a period of thirty days from the date on which appeal filed.

**12. Filing of memorandum.** - (1) The Registrar shall forward duplicate copies of the memorandum received in a month to the District Registrar before the 10th day of every subsequent month.

(2) The originals of the memorandum received by the Registrar and duplicate copies forwarded to the District Registrar shall be retained.

(3) The Registrar shall also forward particulars of the corrections made under rule 10 with the date of corrections and a copy thereof to the District Registrar.

**Form-I**

[Register of Marriage under Anand Marriage Registration Rules, 2022]

S. No.	No. & Date of Application	Date and Place of Marriage	Name & percentage of applicants		Age of applicants and date of birth	
			Husband	Wife	Husband	Wife
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Nationality of the applicants		Permanent dwelling place, if any of the applicants		Present dwelling place, with Tel. N. & E-mail I.D (if any)		Signature of the applicants	
Husband	Wife	Husband	Wife	Husband	Wife	Husband	Wife
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Name and particulars of two witnesses	Signature of witnesses	Signature of the marriage officer with date of registration
16	17	18

**Form-II**  
(See rule 6)  
**Memorandum of Marriages**

<b>APPLICANT DETAILS</b>			
e-District Registration 1. Number:			
<i>(For already Registered User- Not to be filled in by first time Applicants or those having Aadhaar number)</i>			
	<b>OR</b>		
2. UID (AADHAAR) No :			
	<b>OR</b>		
3. Voter ID Card :			
4. Name of Applicant (Bride or Groom)			
<b>Details of Groom and Bride</b>			
	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Bride</b>	
5. Name :			
6. Father's Name :			
7. Mother's Name :			
8. Date of Birth :	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 20px; line-height: 20px;">DD</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 20px; line-height: 20px;">MM</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 20px; line-height: 20px;">YYYY</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 20px; line-height: 20px;">DD</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 20px; line-height: 20px;">MM</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 20px; line-height: 20px;">YYYY</div>	
9. Age <i>(as on date of marriage)</i>			
10. UID (Aadhaar No):			
11. Photo:	<b>Groom colour Passport Size Photograph</b> Size – 5 x 4.5 (Cm.) <b>Or</b> 2 x 1.75 (Inch)	<b>Bride colour Passport Size Photograph</b> Size – 5 x 4.5 (Cm.) <b>Or</b> 2 x 1.75 (Inch)	
<b>12. Address of residence in Ladakh after marriage:</b>			
House Name/No :			
Sub-Locality :			
Locality :			
Village/Town :			
Sub-division :			
District :			
UT/State :			
Country :			
PIN Code :			
<b>13. Address of permanent residence before marriage -</b>			
House Name/No :			
Sub-Locality :			
Locality :			
Village/Town :			
Sub-division :			
District :			
UT/State :			
Country :			
PIN Code :			
14. Mobile No :			
15. e-Mail ID :			

I/11556/2023	23. Marital status before marriage (Attach Divorce decree/death certificate of Husband/wife)	Unmarried Divorced Widower	Unmarried Divorced Widow
17. Nationality (Attach proof of marital status and nationality if anyone is foreigner) :			
18. Religion			
<b>Details of Solemnisation of Marriage</b>			
19. Date of Solemnisation of Marriage :		DD	MM
		YYYY	
20. Whether Marriage was solemnised at Religious Place : (Attach certificate from priest, maulvi, pandit, gurdwara, prabandhak etc.)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
21. The Religious custom practice under which marriage was solemnised : _____			
22. Address of Place of Solemnisation of Marriage in Ladakh :			
House Name/No : _____		Sub-Locality	: _____
Locality : _____		Village/Town	: _____
Sub-division : _____		District	: _____
State/UT : _____		Country	: _____
PIN Code :			

<b>Details of Witnesses</b>			
	<b>Witness I</b>	<b>Witness II</b>	<b>Witness III</b> (In case of the Special Marriage Act, 1954)
23. Name :	_____	_____	_____
24. Father's Name :	_____	_____	_____
25. Mother's Name :	_____	_____	_____
26. Aadhar No :	_____	_____	_____
27. Address :			
House Name/No :	_____	_____	_____
Sub-Locality	_____	_____	_____
Locality	_____	_____	_____
Village/Town	_____	_____	_____
Sub-division	_____	_____	_____
District	_____	_____	_____
State	_____	_____	_____
Country	_____	_____	_____
PIN Code	_____	_____	_____
28. Identity Proof of Groom (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aadhaar Card	<input type="checkbox"/> PAN Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card with Photograph	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Govt. Recognized document	Document No:	
<b>29. Identity Proof of Bride (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>		
Aadhaar Card	<input type="checkbox"/> PAN Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card with Photograph
Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License C
Any Govt. Recognized document	Document No:	
<b>30. Date of Birth Proof of Groom (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>		
Aadhaar Card (Verified DOB)	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License
Nursing home/Hospital Report	<input type="checkbox"/> SSC from recognized board by GoI	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> CMO/Doctor Report
Certificate from School signed by Principal on School Letter Head	Document No:	

<b>31. Date of Birth Proof of Bride (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
Aadhaar Card (Verified DOB)	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Nursing home/Hospital Report	<input type="checkbox"/> SSC from recognized board by GoI	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> CMO/Doctor Report	
Certificate from School signed by Principal on School Letter Head	Document No:		
<b>32. Address Proof of Groom after marriage (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
AADHAR Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity Bill	DISCOM Name_____
Water Bill Utility Name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Bill	Comp Name _____
Telephone Bill Company name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Any Govt. issued document	
Rent Agreement ( <b>Registered</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Passbook	Document No :	
<b>33. Address Proof of Bride after marriage (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
AADHAR Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	

Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity Bill	DISCOM Name_____
Water Bill Utility Name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Bill	Comp Name _____
Telephone Bill Company name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Govt. issued document	
Rent Agreement ( <b>Registered</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Passbook	Document No :	
<b>34. Address Proof of Groom before marriage (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
AADHAR Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity Bill	DISCOM Name_____
Water Bill Utility Name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Bill	Comp Name _____
Telephone Bill Company name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Any Govt. issued document	
Rent Agreement ( <b>Registered</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Passbook	Document No :	
<b>35. Address Proof of Bride before marriage (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
Aadhar Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card.	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity Bill	DISCOM Name_____
Water Bill Utility Name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Bill	Comp Name _____
Telephone Bill Company name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Govt. issued document	
Rent Agreement ( <b>Registered</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Passbook	Document No :	
<b>36. Identity Proof of Witness I (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
Aadhaar Card	<input type="checkbox"/> PAN Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card with Photograph	
Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Any Govt. Recognized document	Document No:		
<b>37. Identity Proof of Witness II (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
Aadhaar Card	<input type="checkbox"/> PAN Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card with Photograph	
Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Any Govt. Recognized document	Document No:		
<b>38. Permanent resident Proof of Ladakh of Witness I (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
AADHAR Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	



Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity Bill	DISCOM Name_____
Water Bill Utility Name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Bill	Comp Name _____
Telephone Bill Company name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Any Govt. issued document	
Rent Agreement ( <b>Registered</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Passbook	Document No :	
<b>39. Permanent resident Proof of Ladakh of Witness II (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same)</b>			
AADHAR Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity Bill	DISCOM Name_____
Water Bill Utility Name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Bill	Comp Name _____
Telephone Bill Company name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Govt. issued document	
Rent Agreement ( <b>Registered</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Passbook	Document No :	
<b>40. Permanent resident Proof of Ladakh of Witness III (in case of the special marriage Act, 1954) (Please tick one, provide the document No. and attach the same )</b>			
AADHAR Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter ID Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving License	
Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity Bill	DISCOM Name_____
Water Bill Utility Name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Bill	Comp Name _____
Telephone Bill Company name_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Any Govt. issued document	
Rent Agreement ( <b>Registered</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Passbook	Document No :	

### Declaration

I hereby solemnly affirm & declare that, all of the above furnished information is true & correct to the best of my knowledge. I am fully aware that furnishing incorrect or false or forged information will lead to punitive action against me under the relevant statutory provisions.

Date:

DD	MM	20YY
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Place:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Groom : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Bride : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness I : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness II : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness III (In case of the Special Marriage Act, 1954) : \_\_\_\_\_

**Form-III**  
[See rule 6(3)]

**Declaration**

We \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the husband and wife) do hereby declare that our marriage was solemnized on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of marriage) at \_\_\_\_\_ (Place of marriage). The memorandum for registration of marriage could not be submitted within the period specified under rule 6 due to \_\_\_\_\_ (specify reason). We hereby submit memorandum (Form II) along with documents to prove the solemnization of the marriage for the purpose of registration of our marriage.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Husband

Signature of Wife

Declaration to be attested by Gazetted Officer/Member of Parliament/Member of Local Self Government Institutions. I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that the marriage between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ was solemnized on date \_\_\_\_\_ and the fact is personally known to me.

Signature with place, date and seal.

**Form-IV**  
[See rule 7]  
**Administration of UT Ladakh**  
**Social & Tribal Welfare Department**  
**Certificate of Marriage**

[Issued under rule 7 of the Ladakh Anand Marriage Registration Rules, 2022]

S.No.  
date.....  
*Certified that a **Marriage***

Reg. No. &

**Between**

Ms..... D/o Mr..... & Mrs.....

R/o.....

.....age.....born on.....

*Space for  
photograph  
of Wife*

**And**

Mr..... S/o Mr..... & Mrs.....

R/o.....

.....age.....born on.....

*Space for  
photograph  
of Husband*

*Having been solemnized at Ladakh on.....according to  
the custom practiced by the parties duly witnessed by*

*(1) Mr./Ms....., S/W/D/o.....*

*R/o.....*

**And**

*(2) Mr./Ms....., S/W/D/o.....*

*R/o.....*

*Has been duly registered on ..... at the office of Marriage Officer, District.....  
at.....Ladakh, on the basis of the particulars furnished this office.*

*Signature of the applicants/Wife.....*

*Signature of the applicants/Husband.....*

***Issued on this.....day of.....of the year.....***

*Under the hand & seal of the Marriage Officer (signature).....*