ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
DEPARTMENT OF FOREST, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS/CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN

Notification
Leh Ladakh, the 30th of October, 2026

S.O 293 In exercise of the powers conferred by the S.O 282(E) dated 21.01.2020, issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh hereby makes the following rules to further amend the Union Territory of Ladakh Forest (Territorial) (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2022, notified vide S.O. 60 dated 25.04.2022 as amended vide S.O. 53 dated 10.07.2024, namely: -

1. Short title and commencement. - *(1)* These rules may be called the **Union Territory of Ladakh Forest (Territorial) (Subordinate) (Amendment) Service Recruitment Rules, 2026.**

(2) These rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment to rule 4, — In rule 4, for the expression "J&K Forest (Territorial) (Subordinate) Services" wherever it appears, shall be substituted by "J&K Forest (Territorial) (Subordinate) Services / J&K State Forest Protection Force".

3. Amendment to Schedule - I: The "Schedule - I" to the said Rules shall be substituted by the following Schedule, as follows, namely:

"Schedule- I

S. No	Designation of the post	Pay Level & Structure	No of Posts
1.	Section Officer	Level- 7 (44900-142400)	01
2.	Assistant Account Officer	Level- 7 (44900-142400)	01
3.	Legal Assistant	Level-6E (35900-113500)	01
4.	Statistical Assistant	Level-6B (35600-112800)	01
5.	Head Assistant	Level- 6B (35600-112800)	02
6.	Range Officer-II	Level-6B (35600-112800)	08
7.	Accountant	Level-6B (35600-112800)	02
8.	Account Assistant	Level-5 (29200-92300)	01
9.	Forester	Level-5 (29200-92300)	19
10.	Deputy Forester	Level-4 (25500-81100)	03
11.	Senior Assistant	Level-5 (29200-92300)	02

12.	Junior Assistant	Level-4 (29200-92300)	09
13.	Senior Driver	Level-5 (29200-92300)	01
14.	Junior Driver/Driver	Level-2 (19900-63200)	02
15.	Forest Guard	Level-2 (19900-63200)	98
16.	Orderly/Farash/Chowkidar/Watcher	Level-SL-1 (14800-47100)	22
17.	Malies	Level-SL-1 (14800-47100)	42
	Total: -		**215**

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4. Amendment to Schedule-II (B): The "Schedule-II (B)" to the said Rules shall be substituted by the following Schedules, as follows, namely:

"Schedule –II (B)

Pay Level & Structure	**Designation**	**Minimum Qualification for Direct Recruitment**	**Method of Recruitment**
Level-6B (35600-112800)	Range Officer-II	-	100% by promotion from Foresters amongst the persons who are trained in Forestry from Forestry/Wildlife Training institute recognized by UT of Ladakh with (05) years' service as a Forester.
Level-5 (29200-92300)	Forester	1) ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATION- A Bachelor's Degree with two or more of the following subjects: (i) Mathematics (ii) Physics (iii) Chemistry (iv)Botany (v)Zoology (vi)Forestry (vii)Geology (viii)Agriculture (ix)Statistics (x)Horticulture (xi)Environment OR Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture OR Bachelor's degree in Engineering OR Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science from a University established by Law in India or possess a qualification recognized by the Government as equivalent thereto. 2) Physical Standards as	40% by direct recruitment; 60% by promotion in the following ratio/manner: i) 15% from Deputy Forester with (02) two years substantive service as Deputy Forester. ii) 15% from Graduate Forest Guards with (04) four years' substantive service as Forest Guard. iii) 15% from Matriculate or 10+2 Forests Guards with five (05) year substantive service. iv) 15% from non-Matriculate Forest Guards with ten (10) years substantive service for those who have entered the service in substantive capacity before the notification of this rule. Provided that if non-matriculate Forest Guards are not available, the 15% quota for promotion from non-matriculate Forest Guards (Clause (iv)) shall be filled from graduate Forest Guards having (04) four years substantive service. Provided that if the post of Deputy Forester is vacant for a period of more than two years, then the 15% quota for

		follows; i) Height:- Male.- Minimum 162 cms. Female.- Minimum 152 cms. ii) Physical fitness- 25 kms walk to be completed in Four (04) hours, iii) Physical Fitness Certificate from Chief Medical Officer.	promotion from Deputy Forester (Clause (i)) above shall be filled from graduate Forest Guards having (04) four years substantive service.
Level-4 (25500-81100)	Deputy Forester	10+2 or equivalent qualification with two or more of the following subjects: (i) Mathematics (ii) Physics (iii) Chemistry (iv) Biology. Physical Standards as follows: (1) Height: Male: - Minimum 162 cms. Female: - Minimum 152 cms. (2) Physical fitness- 25 kms walk to be completed in Four (04) hours. iii) Physical Fitness Certificate from Chief Medical Officer.	100% by Direct Recruitment
Level-2 (19900-63200)	Forest Guard	10+2 or equivalent qualification with two or more of the following subjects: (i) Mathematics (ii) Physics (iii) Chemistry (iv) Biology. Physical Standards as follows: i) Height: Male: - Minimum 162 cms. Female: - Minimum 152 cms. ii) Physical fitness- 25 kms walk to be completed in Four (04) hours. iii) Physical Fitness Certificate from Chief Medical Officer.	A) 50% by Direct Recruitment. i) 20% reservation for Ex-Agniveers under direct recruitment quota. This shall be provided subject to fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility criteria and production of valid discharge/service certificates issued by the competent military authority. B) 50% by promotion in the following manner: i) 10% from Orderlies / Farashs / Chowkidars / Watchers with (03) three years substantive service. ii) 30% from Mali with three (03) years substantive service. iii) 10% from Graduate Mali / Orderly / Farash / Chowkidar / Watcher with three (03) years substantive service. Provided that if the post of Orderly/Farash/Chowkidar/Watcher/Mali is vacant for a period of more than (03) three years, the said post shall be filled

			three years, the said post shall be filled by direct recruitment.
SL-1 (14800 47100)	Mali / Orderly /Farash / Chowkidar /Watcher	Matriculation / Std. X pass from a recognised Board of Secondary Education or equivalent.	100% by direct recruitment.

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By Order of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh.

Sd/-
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