

**LG, VK Saxena directs age relaxation for ALC candidates in recruitment of sub-Inspectors in Ladakh Police**

***5+2 years additional age relaxation on upper age limit to be provided to ALC candidates aspiring for Sub-Inspector posts***

***L-G says move will benefit candidates from border areas of Ladakh***

***L-G emphasises UT Admin responsible for ensuring equitable opportunities for all sections of society***

Leh, April 8: In a significant move aimed at benefitting aspiring youth, particularly those residing in border areas of Ladakh, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, has directed age relaxation to candidates for the upcoming recruitment of 34 posts of Sub-Inspectors in Ladakh Police.

With this decision, the aspiring candidates belonging to areas adjoining the Actual Line of Control (ALC) will get the age relaxation of 5+2 years. As per the Ladakh Police (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, the prescribed age limit for direct recruitment to the posts of Sub-Inspector is 18–28 years. Following this move, candidates up to the age of 35 years will be able to apply for the posts of Sub-Inspectors. A fresh recruitment notice will be advertised to this effect.

The decision comes in wake of multiple representations received from aspirants and social and political groups seeking age-relaxation, citing limited recruitment opportunities and challenges specific to the region. Taking cognisance of the issue, the Lieutenant Governor directed the Chief Secretary, who also serves as Administrative Secretary of the Home Department, to examine the matter, initiate appropriate action and provide relief to the deserving candidates.

The decision is expected to provide significant relief to aspirants from ALC areas, enhance their participation in the recruitment process, and promote inclusivity and fair representation in the Ladakh Police.

“Candidates from border areas face unique challenges, including difficult terrain, limited infrastructure and restricted access to educational and preparatory resources. It is the responsibility of the Administration to ensure equal opportunities for all sections of society, particularly those residing in remote and strategically important regions. UT Administration is committed to responsive and inclusive governance, and proactive steps will be taken to address genuine public concerns and ensure that no eligible candidate is left behind due to circumstances beyond their control,” emphasised the Lieutenant Governor.

In line with the Lieutenant Governor's directions, the Police Headquarters has been instructed to finalise and notify the Standing Order under Rule 6(3) of the Ladakh Police (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules and to issue the revised recruitment advertisement accordingly.