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## **6. Centre Defines J&K Domicile Rules**

**Prelims Syllabus: Policies**

**Mains Syllabus: GS-II Government Policies and Interventions for Development in Various Sectors and issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.**

### **Why in News?**

- Centre redefines Jammu and Kashmir domicile rules opening up various categories of jobs in the region to people from across the country.
- The order has been defined **under J&K Civil Services (Decentralisation and Recruitment) Act.**

### **What is Domicile?**

- In law, domicile is the status or attribution of being a lawful permanent resident in a Particular Jurisdiction.

### **As per the Changes, who is now Deemed to have Domicile?**

- Anyone “who has resided for a period of fifteen years in the UT of J&K”.
- Or has studied for a period of seven years and appeared in class 10th/12th examination in an educational institution located in the UT of J&K.
- Or those registered as migrants and their children.
- Or the children of those central government officials, All India service officials, Officials of Public sector undertaking, autonomous body of central government, public sector banks, officials of statutory bodies officials of central universities and recognized research institutes of central government who have served in J&K for a period of ten years.
- Or children of residents of J&K who reside outside the Union Territory in connection with employment or business or for other professional or vocational reasons, but whose parents fulfil any of the conditions provided in the latest gazette notification will also be entitled to domicile status.

### **What else the Order Says?**

- The Order says that the domiciles will be eligible for the purposes of appointment to any post carrying a pay scale of not more than Level 4.
- The Level 4 post comprises positions such as gardeners, barbers, office peons and watermen, and the highest rank in the category is that of a Junior Assistant.

### **Who can Issue Domicile Certificates?**

- The orders also empower tahsildars to issue domicile certificates.

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- The government has been empowered to notify any other officer as the competent authority to issue the certificate.

**Implications:**

- The order now formally allows people from outside J&K to apply for jobs in the UT.
- While Level IV jobs have been reserved for people with domicile status – as per their definition in the order – other non-gazetted and gazetted jobs have been opened for people from across the country, including people domiciled in J&K.

