PMGSY, PDS, ICDS and Solar Projects in Sham reviewed

DC Kunzes Angmo directs faster execution, tighter monitoring of development schemes

EARTH NEWS SERVICE

KHALTSI: Deputy Commissioner Sham Kunzes Angmo, JKAS, has directed officials to speed up stalled works, tighten field monitoring and remove implementation bottlenecks to ensure that development and welfare schemes deliver results on the ground.

Angmo issued the directions while chairing a departmental review meeting at the DC Office in Khaltsi on Friday, where officials assessed the progress of PMGSY, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Power Development Department (PDD) schemes.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed that departmental reviews must present a clear picture of physical and financial progress, targets achieved, pending works and constraints, along with a defined action plan for completing projects within prescribed timelines.

During the PMGSY review, Assistant Engineer Sajjad Tak and concerned Junior Engineers presented the status of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, CAPEX and SDP works.

The review covered sanctioned and completed road lengths, habitations targeted for connectivity, quality assessments by National Quality Monitors (NQM) and the status of State Quality Monitors (SQM).

Angmo directed officials to strengthen field supervision, maintain construction quality and complete ongoing road projects on schedule. She called for prompt resolution of bottlenecks so that improved connectivity reaches the targeted habitations.

The FCS&CA review examined foodgrain availability, PDS implementation and essential stocking across Sham district.

Assistant Director, FCS&CA, Leh, Ruth Mary, along with TSOs of Sham, briefed the meeting on Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Household (PHH) coverage, e-PoS transactions, Aadhaar seeding and e-KYC, and buffer foodgrain stocks. The Deputy Commissioner directed officials to ensure uninterrupted supplies to eligible beneficiaries, update beneficiary records promptly and improve the use of e-PoS systems. Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Khaltsi, Tsering Youtol, presented the implementation status of Poshan 2.0 and other ICDS interventions covering nutrition, child development and welfare. Angmo directed the department to ensure timely delivery of nutritional and other benefits, particularly to children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. She also called for regular field inspections to assess service delivery. The PDD review covered off-grid solar-battery storage systems for unelectrified and remote habitations, smart metering and the Ladakh UT Rooftop Solar Initiative.

Project Consultant Ajay Dhiman, along with departmental engineers, presented the progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Angmo directed officials to expedite pending works, particularly in remote and unserved habitations, while ensuring proper implementation of renewable-energy projects. She also stressed quality assurance, transparency, inter-departmental coordination and prudent use of public resources, directing officers to resolve issues at the earliest and maintain regular field monitoring.

GHSS Khaltse hosts volleyball match under NMBA campaign

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KHALTSE: A volleyball match organised at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Khaltse, on Friday brought students together around the message of a healthy and drug-free lifestyle as part of the ongoing Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) campaign in Sham district.

The event was organised by the Youth Services and Sports Department, District Sham, as part of the weeklong NMBA campaign under the supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Khaltse, Issa Ghulam.

The programme began with the NMBA Pledge, with students, teachers and officials pledging to contribute towards building a drug-free society and spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drug and substance abuse.

The volleyball match between the boys' and girls' teams provided students with an opportunity to participate in physical activity while reinforcing the campaign's message of maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.

Organisers highlighted the role of sports in encouraging healthy habits among young people and keeping them engaged in constructive activities that can help reduce vulnerability to substance abuse.

At the conclusion of the event, GHSS Khaltse Principal Sonam Smanla distributed prizes among the winning and runner-up teams. He appreciated the efforts of the organisers, school staff and students for their participation in the NMBA campaign.

Adv Tashi Gyalson meets Thupstan Chhewang, hails extension of LAHDC Act to all seven Ladakh Districts

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LEH: Senior BJP leader and former Chairman/CEC of LAHDC-Leh Adv Tashi Gyalson met former Ladakh MP Thupstan Chhewang and thanked him for his leadership and support in securing the extension of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Act to all seven districts of the Union Territory.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed issues concerning Ladakh and acknowledged the role of spiritual leaders, including Thiksey Rinpoche, branches of the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA), Nambardars, organisations and individuals in supporting the extension of the Act.

They also conveyed their congratulations to the people of Ladakh on the decision and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena for the decision.

Gyalson said extending the LAHDC Act to all seven districts would strengthen grassroots governance and provide greater scope for local communities to participate in decision-making. He said the decentralisation of administrative powers would help address the long-standing aspirations of people across Zanskar, Sham, Changthang, Nubra, Leh, Drass and Kargil.

The meeting also served as an occasion to recognise the contributions of various community and institutional stakeholders whose support, according to the leaders, contributed to the expansion of the LAHDC framework across Ladakh.

The extension of the LAHDC Act to the seven districts has been presented as a move towards widening the institutional framework of local governance across the Union Territory, particularly in newly established districts.

Gyalson and Chhewang reiterated the importance of continued dialogue on issues concerning Ladakh and welcomed the development while congratulating residents across the region.

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IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE LEH
Present:- Spalzes Angmo
JO Code: JK0O142

In the case of :-

1. Phuntsog Angdu S/o Late. Tashi Gyalson and Late Dolma Laskit R/o Skurbuchan, Leh- Ladakh
2. Rinchen Dolker S/o Late. Tashi Gyalson and Late Dolma Laskit R/o Skurbuchan, Leh- Ladakh
3. Murup Angchuk S/o Late Tsewang Rigzin R/o Skurbuchan, Leh-Ladakh

V/s

General Public

In the matter of: Petition under sections 7,8,9 and 10 of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890.

(PROCLAMATION NOTICE)

Whereas, the petitioners has filed an application for grant of Guardians and Wards for appointment Petitioner No 3 as guardian of the persons and property including family pension and other benefits in respect of Minor children of late Tashi Gyalson and late Dolma Laskit.

Whereas, through the medium of this Proclamation the general public is hereby informed that any person having objections to the appointment of Guardians and Wards in favour of the petitioner No. 3, he/she shall file objection in this court on or before **18.09.2026,** thereafter no objection or claim will be entertained.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 29.08.2026

Sd/-
Principal District Judge
Leh

No: 266/PDSJ/Leh
Dt: 31-08-2026

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
UT SECRETARIAT, LADAKH
Phone No: 01982 - 259305

No. M-4221/2026/Rev/679-686

Dated: 04-09-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Inviting comments of the stakeholders on the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Nautor Regularization) Rules, 2026– Inviting comments of the stakeholders thereof.

Revenue Department, Union Territory of Ladakh has drafted **the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Nautor Regularization) Rules, 2026.**

Before finalizing the Rules, comments / suggestions / objections (if any) are invited from all the stakeholders, within a period of **14 days** from the date of publication of the draft Rules on the official websites.

The comments / suggestions / objections, if any may be sent by e-mail at **secy-rev@ladakh.gov.in** or by post to the following address: **Anupam Bhardwaj, Under Secretary, Revenue Department, UT Secretariat Ladakh, Leh 194101**.

The comments / suggestions / objections within the specified period shall only be considered in accordance rules / instructions.

Issued with the approval of competent authority

Anupam Bhardwaj
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(Anupam Bhardwaj, JKAS)
Under Secretary, Revenue,
UT of Ladakh.

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH — REVENUE DEPARTMENT
NOTIFICATION

Dated: _____, 2026

Preamble: More than 60,000 acres of land in the Union Territory of Ladakh stands recorded in the revenue records as Mustaqil and Gair Mustaqil (Nautor) holdings, which have been held, occupied and cultivated by the people of Ladakh over generations. Upon the repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Tenancy Act, 1980 with effect from the 27th day of October, 2020, the legal framework under which such Nautor holdings could be settled or regularized ceased to exist, leaving the holders of such land without any mechanism for securing legal certainty in respect of their holdings. The objective of these rules are:

1. **Facilitate the Conversion of Erstwhile holders of Nautor land to owners/Lessees:** By granting the regularized land on proprietary or a leasehold basis, the rules provide a formal, structured way to transition former nautor land holders into legally recognized owners/lessees.

1. **Ensure Transparency and Uniformity:** To establish a standardized and transparent statutory process for land regularization, replacing the lack of existing rules with clear guidelines on field verification, market-rate pricing, and lease conditions.

Under Section 42 of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997, all land within the district stands transferred to the Council, and clause (i) of Section 23 of the said Act vests in the Council executive powers in relation to the allotment, use and occupation of land vested in it. At present, however, no statutory rules exist governing the regularization of such Nautor holdings. It is, therefore, considered necessary, as a one-time measure, to frame rules to provide legal certainty to genuine holders of Nautor land to ensure transparency, accountability and uniformity in such regularization, and to protect Council land from encroachment.

S.O. ____.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 60 of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997, read with clause (i) of Section 23 and Section 42 thereof, the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh hereby makes the following rules for the regularization of Nautor holdings on land vested in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils, namely:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—

(1) These rules may be called the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Nautor Regularization) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall extend to the whole of the Union Territory of Ladakh and shall apply to all land vested in the All Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council under the Act.

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

2. Definitions.— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Act" means the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997;

(b) "Administration" means the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh;

(c) "Council" means the All Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council constituted under LAHDC Act.

(d) "Competent Authority" means the authority competent under the Act and the rules made thereunder to approve allotment and regularization of land vested in the Council or the Executive Council of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council constituted under section 29 of the Act;

(e) "cut-off date" means the date of repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Tenancy Act, 1980, that is, the 27th day of October, 2020;

(f) "market rate" means the market rate of land for the concerned revenue village, municipal area or planning area determined and notified by the Administration from time to time as per the applicable Acts and rules;

(g) "Nautor land" means the existing nautor made out by competent revenue authorities from khalsa sarkar land on or before the cut-off date; and

(h) "Revenue Authorities" means the revenue officers and revenue field staff under the control of the Deputy commissioner of the district, having jurisdiction over the area concerned.

(2) Words and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act.

3. Applicability.—

(1) These rules shall apply to all land vested in the Council under the provisions of the Act, and the Council shall exercise powers relating to allotment, use and occupation of Nautor land under clause (i) of Section 23 of the Act.

(2) No allotment, regularization or transfer of Council land shall be made except in accordance with these rules.

4. One-time measure and cut-off date.—

(1) As a one-time measure, Nautor holdings existing prior to the repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Tenancy Act shall be eligible for consideration for allotment under these rules.

(2) The date of repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Tenancy Act, 1980 (27th October, 2020) shall constitute the cut-off date for determining eligibility for regularization, and no person claiming occupation, cultivation or possession of Council land after the said cut-off date shall be eligible for allotment under these rules.

(3) Proprietary rights be granted to the extent of 10 Acres .

(4) Beyond the total land ceiling mentioned in sub section (3), allotment of land be granted on lease basis in accordance with the Rules made thereunder.

5. Field verification.

(1) Before consideration of any allotment proposal, the Revenue Authorities shall conduct a detailed field verification and certify: (a) the identity of the occupant; (b) the area under occupation; (c) the nature and extent of cultivation; (d) the date from which possession is claimed; (e) status of cultivation; and (f) whether the occupation existed prior to the cut-off date. Field verification shall be mandatory for Gair Mushtaquil lands. For Mushtaquil lands the field verification may or may not be taken based on the ground reality for which authority vests with LAHDC.

6. Conditions for allotment.— Allotment shall be considered on the basis of (a) the field verification by the Revenue Authorities ;(b) occupation existed prior to the repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Tenancy Act, 1980; (c) the claimant is in actual possession of the land; and (d) no dispute regarding title or possession is pending before any competent authority or court.

7. Ineligible land.— Land found abandoned or encroached upon shall be ineligible for allotment.

8. Regularization involving Change of Land Use.—

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, any Nautor land which has been mutated prior to the cut off date, and in which a change of land use has subsequently taken place, shall be eligible to be regularized as per the provisions of these rules, subject to the condition that such change of land use is formally approved by the Competent Authority as per Order No 36 of 2026 dated 12.07.2026.

9. Amount payable.—

(1) The amount payable for land to be allotted on proprietary basis shall be equivalent to the market rate notified by the Administration for the concerned revenue village, and for allotments and regularizations on leasehold basis under these rules , shall be based upon the eighty percent of the market rate so notified. **In case of Change of Land use, notified payment of conversion charges as per applicable rules shall be paid.**

(2) No land shall be allotted or regularized at a rate lower than the rates mentioned above except with the prior approval of the Administration.

10. Processing upon payment and approval.— Upon payment of the prescribed amount and approval by the Competent Authority, eligible Nautor holdings and, in the case of one-time regularization, shall be processed in accordance with these rules and the applicable laws governing land ownership.

11. Planning controls.—

(1) In municipal areas, planning areas and areas falling under any Master Plan, Zonal Plan or Development Authority, land use shall strictly conform to approved planning regulations, and no allotment or regularization shall be permitted in contravention of an approved Master Plan or Zonal Plan.

(2) Any exemption from planning restrictions shall require the prior approval of the Administration.

12. Lease, mortgage, transfer and conversion.—

(1) Land regularized under these rules shall be held on proprietary/leasehold basis. A lease under these rules shall be granted on the following conditions, which shall be incorporated in the lease deed executed in ***Form A (Attached as Annexure A)***

a) **Duration** — The lease shall be for an initial period upto **(40) forty years**. Upon expiry, it may be renewed at the option of the lessor for a further term not exceeding forty years at a time, provided that the maximum total period of any lease, including renewals, shall not exceed ninety-nine years.

a) **Use of Land** — The lessee shall use the land solely and exclusively for the agriculture purposes specified in the lease deed and shall not be appropriated for any purposes other than for which it was granted subject to rule 8 above.

FORM 'A'

LEASE OF LAND

This Deed of Lease made the _____ day of_____ 20_____ between the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Ladakh (hereinafter called "the lessor" which term, unless there be anything repugnant in the context, shall include his successors and assigns) of the one part and (hereinafter called 'the lessee" which expression shall include his successors in interest and permitted assigns) of the other part.

WITNESS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In consideration of the rent hereinafter reserved and of the covenants on the part of the lessee hereinafter contained, the lessor hereby demises to the lessee all that piece or parcel of land described in the schedule hereto and containing an area of _____Kanals _____Marlas _____ Sft and for greater clearness delineated on the plan, annexed hereto and thereon shown with its boundaries coloured TO HOLD the said premises for the term of forty years to commence from the_____ day of _____20____with _____ option of renewal (exercisable by the lessor) for such further period not exceeding 1twenty years and such enhanced ground rent as may be determined by the lessor, paying therefor during the said term of 40 years the annual ground rent of rupees_____ by equal half-yearly payments as covenanted in sub-clause (5) of clause 2 in each year at the office of the District Collector or at such other place or places as he may from time to time appoint in this behalf.

1. The lessee hereby covenants with the lessor as follows:—
   i. The land shall be used solely and exclusively as _____and the lessee shall within three years of the execution of the lease deed erect thereon buildings according to the plan and elevation approved by the Collector and attached hereto or as it may be subsequently altered or varied with the written consent of the Collector of on behalf of the lessor;
   ii. The lessee shall during the term of the lease at all times maintain the premises and the buildings erected thereon in good condition and in the event of destruction of the buildings by flood, fire or other natural calamities re-erect such buildings within three years of such destruction;.
   iii. The lessee shall be liable to indemnify the lessor and all other persons against all damage that may result from any act or omission of the lessee or any of his agents or servants;
   iv. The lessee shall permit the lessor or his agent, at all reasonable times and after previous notice, to enter upon the premises with a view to see that the conditions of the lease are being duly observed;
   v. The lessee shall pay annual ground rent ofrupees in two half yearly installments rupees ____ on the first day of April and October each year;
   vi. Upon the expiration of this lease, the lessee shall deliver possession of the premises to the lessor and in case he fails to do so, the lessor shall have a right of re-entry upon the premises. The lessee shall be liable to be evicted there from and the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Premises. (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1959 shall apply in relation to such eviction;
   vii. The lessee shall not in any way transfer the said premises or buildings thereon without the previous sanction in writing of the lessor;
   viii. The lessee shall pay all rates, taxes, and other charges payable in respect of the land and the buildings erected thereon either by the lessor or the lessee thereof:

Provided always that these presents are executed on the express condition that if and whenever, the said rent or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the space of six calendar months, whether the same shall have been lawfully demanded or not, or if there shall be a breach or non-observance by the lessee of any of the covenants hereinbefore contained, then the lease shall stand determined, and if in the event of such determination the lessee fails to deliver possession of the premises to the lessor, the lessor, shall have a right of re-entry upon the premises. The lessee shall be liable to be evicted there from and the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1959 shall apply in relation to his eviction:

Provided further that all dues payable by the lessee under the Act or the rules shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue:

Provided also that notwithstanding anything contained in the lease deed, if during the currency of the lease the Government are satisfied that the land granted under these rules is required for any public purpose, the Government shall be competent to acquire possession of such land and buildings erected thereon and appurtenances belonging thereto, after paying compensation to the lessee for such buildings and appurtenances and also for such other improvements as may have been effected on the land by the lessee. The compensation shall be assessed by the Divisional Engineer, who shall notify in writing the assessment made by him to the parties, provided that a party aggrieved by the assessment made by such Divisional Engineer may appeal to the Chief Engineer, within a period of two months from the date of service of notice of the assessment. The decision of the Divisional Engineer, or, in the case of appeal, of the Chief Engineer, shall be final and binding on the parties;

AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED, between the parties here to that:-

i. This lease shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in this form and the rules there under;
ii. if on the expiry of the terms of this lease the Government for any reasons decide not to renew it, the lessee shall, notwithstanding anything contained herein, be entitled to compensation for the buildings and other structures, if any, erected by him on the land to be assessed in the, manner provided in the immediately preceding proviso; and the cost of registration of this deed shall be payable by the lessee:

Provided always that every dispute, difference or question which may at any time arise between the parties hereto or any person claiming under them relating to, or arising out, or in respect, of, this deed or the subject matter thereof shall be referred to the arbitration of the Chief Engineer, and his decision thereon shall be final and binding on the parties.

Signed by on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of

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