

Agitators Quota in Government Jobs

Why in News?

Recently, The **Uttarakhand** <u>agitators</u> and <u>their dependents</u> met the Uttarakhand Chief Minister and expressed gratitude for the passage of the **bill providing 10% reservation in government jobs.**

Key Points

- According to the Chief Minister the state government recognizes the agitators' struggle and sacrifices and gives top priority to their welfare.
 - Along with increasing the pension of the statehood agitators, the government has also decided to give pension to their dependents after their death.

Uttarakhand Movement

- The Uttarakhand movement led to the formation of Uttarakhand as a separate state from the undivided state of Uttar Pradesh.
- The demand to make Uttarakhand a state was first raised at a special session of the <u>Indian</u>
 National Congress in 1938.
- The movement gained traction and by 1994, the demand for a separate state eventually took the form of a mass movement that resulted in the formation of India's 27th state on 9th November 2000.

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