

## Notification of Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Act 2022

## Why In News?

On January 12, 2023, the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department of Uttarakhand issued a notification of the Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Act
2022. According to the notification issued, 30 percent horizontal reservation in government jobs has been approved for women in the state.

## **Key Points**

- Significantly, on January 10, 2023, the Governor of Uttarakhand, Lt. J. Gurmeet Singh (Sen.) had approved the Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Bill 2022, after which this bill became an act.
- After the formation of the Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Act 2022, women of the state will get the benefit of 30 percent horizontal reservation in government jobs. The notification lays down responsibility and power to comply with the Act, power to issue certificates, rule-making power and power to remove difficulties.
- The notification said that due to the heterogeneous geographical structure of the state, people living in remote areas lead a miserable life. Especially the women of the state live in adverse conditions. Because of this, the standard of living of these women is lower than the women of other states.
- Women of the state have not been able to achieve the desired social, economic and political level and the representation of women in government services in the state is also very low. In order to ensure social justice, equality, improvement in living standards, gender equality in public employment, women of the state were given the benefit of 30 percent horizontal reservation in government jobs.

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