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Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, UT of Ladakh
Notification
Ladakh, the 16th of March, 2026

S.O.158. — In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 309 of the Constitution of India read with S.O. 282 (E) dated 21.01.2020, the Lieutenant Governor of Union territory of Ladakh hereby makes the following Rules, namely:

1. Short Title and Commencement:

- (1) These rules may be called the **Ladakh Forest and Wildlife Field Staff (Uniform) Rules, 2026.**
- (2) These rules shall extend to the whole UT Ladakh and shall be applicable

to field executive cadres of the forestry and wildlife wings of the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Ladakh, of the Rank of Range Officer Grade-1 and below, up to Forest Guard / Wildlife Guard and Drivers.

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

2. Definitions:

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) “Department” means the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Administration of Ladakh.
- (b) “Field Staff” means and include all field staff of the Department in the forestry/wildlife wings, from rank of Range Officer (Grade I) and below up to Forest Guard/Wildlife Guard and Driver of the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Administration of Ladakh, who are required to implement the provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and/or Forest Conservation Act 1980 and/or Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- (c) “Uniform” means such items of clothing, Badges of Rank, insignia and accoutrements to be worn by the aforementioned field staff of the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Administration of Ladakh.
- (d) “UT” means The Union Territory of Ladakh.

3. Uniform Specifications:

- (1) The uniform to be worn by the field Staff of the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Administration of Ladakh shall consist of such items of clothing, badges of rank, insignia and accoutrements as prescribed in the Schedules appended to these Rules.
- (2) The uniform shall be distinct and identifiable, maintaining uniformity across the UT of Ladakh.
- (3) The colour scheme shall generally follow *khaki* and dark green with modifications suited to high-altitude climatic conditions along with the provisions of Personal Protection Equipment as per the field requirement.

4. Supply of Uniform:

- (1) The uniform articles prescribed under these Rules shall be procured at government cost by the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Administration of Ladakh, and supplied to the members of the aforementioned cadres of the forestry/wildlife wings of the Department such as Foresters (Forestry/Wildlife), Deputy Foresters (Forestry/Wildlife), Guards((Forestry/Wildlife), Driver Grade I and Driver Grade II.

- (2) Ranger Officer Grade I(Forestry/Wildlife) and Ranger Officer Grade II (Forestry/Wildlife) shall be entitled to an initial uniform grant and a renewal grant.

5. Obligation to wear the Uniform :

- (1) Every field staff of the a f o r e m e n t i o n e d c a t e g o r i e s o f t h e Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Administration of Ladakh shall wear the prescribed uniform while on duty.
- (2) No unauthorised ornament or emblem, sign or mark shall be worn with the uniform.
- (3) Wearing of a mix of uniform and plain clothes is prohibited, as provided in these Rules
- (4) Field staff appearing in an Hon'ble Court of Law as prosecutors, witnesses or escorts shall wear the uniform.
- (5) No member shall wear the official uniform while off duty or for any purpose other than authorised official duties.
- (6) No alteration in pattern or material of uniform items shall be made without the approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), UT Ladakh.

6. Badges of Rank and Insignia:

The badges of rank and insignia for different ranks of field staff (Forestry/Wildlife) shall be as specified in the Schedules appended to these rules.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh.

Sd/-
**Administrative Secretary,
Forest, Ecology and Environment,
Department, UT of Ladakh**

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SCHEDULE - I**Uniform for the Field Staff of Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Administration of Ladakh**

1. Range Officer Grade - I: A Range Officer Grade – I (Forestry/Wildlife) will wear the uniform as prescribed below:

S.no.	Uniform Item	Uniform for Range Officer Grade – I (Forestry/Wildlife)
A	Headgear	Dark green beret cap or khaki peak cap with brown ribbon around it and plate given in Schedule- II (Plate 6) affixed in the middle
B	Shirt	Khaki tight fitting, double breast pocket with straight flaps and shoulder loops for badges with folded sleeves.
C	Trouser	Khaki pants
D	Belt	Brown leather belt with circular brass buckle with silver plating having plate given in Schedule II (Plate 6) in center
E	Badges of Rank (Star)	Three five-pointed silver-plated flat stars of 3/4 inch diameter on each shoulder flap.
F	Shoulder Badge	Silver plated L.F.S. badge on both shoulders as given in Schedule- II (Plate 7)
G	Side Arm Badge	One embroidered badge on left arm with design given in Schedule –II (Plate 3)
H	Chest Badge	Metal badge of 8 cm length and 2.5 cm width to be worn above left shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule-II (Plate 4)
I	Name Tag	Name tag made of black plastic with white letters (1.5 cm x 8 cm) with arrangement for pinning to be worn above right shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II. This will also mention the blood group of the person wearing the uniform (Plate-5).
J	Shoes	Brown leather shoes / Hunter shoes and khaki socks.
K	Lanyard	Dark green lanyard
L	Sweater / Jacket	Khaki full sleeved sweater (pullover) with 'V' neck and raglan sleeve with provision for taking out shoulder straps to show rank badges. Khaki jackets with full sleeves

2.Range Officer Grade - II: A Range Officer Grade – II (Forestry/Wildlife) will wear the uniform as prescribed below:

S.no	Uniform Item	Uniform for Range Officer Grade – II (Forestry/Wildlife)
A	Headgear	Dark green beret cap or khaki peak cap with brown ribbon around it and plate given in Schedule –II (Plate 1) affixed in the middle
B	Shirt	Khaki tight fitting, double breast pocket with straight flaps and shoulder loops for badges with folded sleeves.
C	Trouser	Khaki pants
D	Belt	Brown leather belt with circular brass buckle with silver plating having plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) in center
E	Badges of Rank (Star)	Three five-pointed silver-plated flat stars of 3/4 inch diameter on each shoulder flap. A silk ribbon band 12.7 mm in width with upper half in red and lower half in green will encircle the shoulder flap.
F	Shoulder Badge	Silver plated L.F. badge on both shoulders as given in Schedule-II (Plate 2)
G	Side Arm Badge	One embroidered badge on left arm with design given in Schedule-II (Plate 3)
H	Chest Badge	Metal badge of 8 cm length and 2.5 cm width to be worn above left shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule-II (Plate 4)
I	Name Tag	Name tag made of black plastic with white letters (1.5 cm x 8 cm) with arrangement for pinning to be worn above right shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II . This will also mention the blood group of the person wearing the uniform (Plate-5).
J	Shoes	Brown leather shoes / Hunter shoes and khaki socks.
K	Lanyard and Whistle	Dark green lanyard with a nickel whistle with flat leather guard 1/4" wide to be worn in whistle pocket on left side.
L	Sweater Jacket /	Khaki full sleeved sweater (pullover) with 'V' neck and raglan sleeve with provision for taking out shoulder straps to show rank badges. Khaki jackets with full sleeves

3. Forester/Wildlife Forester: A Forester (Forestry/Wildlife) will wear the uniform as prescribed below:

S.no	Uniform Item	Uniform for Forester (Forestry/Wildlife)
A	Headgear	Khaki beret cap or khaki peak cap with brown ribbon around it and plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) affixed in the middle
B	Shirt	Khaki tight fitting, double breast pocket with straight flaps and shoulder loops for badges with folded sleeves.
C	Trouser	Khaki pants
D	Belt	Brown leather belt with circular brass buckle with silver plating having plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) in center
E	Badges of Rank (Star)	Two five-pointed silver-plated flat stars of 3/4 inch diameter on each shoulder flap. A silk ribbon band 12.7 mm in width with upper half in red and lower half in green will encircle the shoulder flap.
F	Shoulder Badge	Silver plated L.F. badge on both shoulders as given in Schedule-II (Plate 2)
G	Side Arm Badge	One embroidered badge on left arm with design given in Schedule-II (Plate 3)
H	Chest Badge	Metal badge of 8 cm length and 2.5 cm width to be worn above left shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule-II (Plate 4)
I	Name Tag	Name tag made of black plastic with white letters (1.5 cm x 8 cm) with arrangement for pinning to be worn above right shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II. This will also mention the blood group of the person wearing the uniform (Plate-5).
J	Shoes	Brown leather shoes / Hunter shoes and khaki socks.
K	Lanyard and Whistle	Khaki lanyard with a nickel whistle with flat leather guard 1/4" wide to be worn in whistle pocket on left side.
L	Sweater / Jacket	Khaki full sleeved sweater (pullover) with 'V' neck and raglan sleeve with provision for taking out shoulder straps to show rank badges. Khaki jackets with full sleeves.

4. Deputy Foresters: A Deputy Forester (Forestry/Wildlife) will wear the uniform as prescribed below:

S.no	Uniform Item	Uniform for Deputy Forester (Forestry/Wildlife)
A	Headgear	Khaki beret cap with plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) affixed in the middle.
B	Shirt	Khaki tight fitting, double breast pocket with straight flaps and Shoulder Loops for Badges with folded sleeves
C	Trouser	Khaki pants
D	Belt	Brown leather belt with circular brass buckle with silver plating having plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) in center
E	Badges of rank	Two five-pointed silver-plated flat stars of 3/4 inch diameter on each shoulder flap. A silk ribbon band 15 mm in width with upper half in red, middle in green and lower half in golden will encircle the shoulder flap.
F	Shoulder Badge	Silver plated L.F. badge on both shoulders as given in Schedule-II (Plate 2)
G	Side Arm Badge	One embroidered badge on left arm with design given in Schedule-II (Plate 3)
H	Chest Badge	Metal badge of 8 cm length and 2.5 cm width to be worn above left shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II (Plate 4)
I	Name Tag	Name tag made of black plastic with white letters (1.5 cm x 8 cm) with arrangement for pinning to be worn above right shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II. This will also mention the blood group of the person wearing the uniform (Plate-5).
J	Shoes	Brown leather shoes/ Hunter shoes and khaki socks.
K	Lanyard and Whistle	Khaki Lanyard with a nickel whistle with flat leather guard 1/4" wide to be worn in whistle pocket on left side.
L	Sweater Jacket /	Khaki full sleeved sweater (pullover) with 'V' neck and raglan sleeve with provision for taking out shoulder straps to show rank badges. Khaki jackets with full sleeves

5. Forest Guard/Wildlife Guard: A Forest Guard/Wildlife Guard will wear the uniform as prescribed below:-

S.no	Uniform Item	Uniform for Forest Guard/Wildlife Guard
A	Headgear	Khaki beret cap with plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) affixed in the middle.
B	Shirt	Khaki tight fitting, double breast pocket with straight flaps and shoulder Loops for Badges with folded sleeves
C	Trouser	Khaki Pants
D	Belt	Brown leather belt with circular brass buckle with silver plating having plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) in center
E	Badges of Rank (Star)	One five-pointed silver-plated flat star of 3/4 inch diameter on each shoulder flap. A silk ribbon band 12.7 mm in width with upper half in red and lower half in green will encircle the shoulder flap.
F	Shoulder Badge	Silver plated L.F. badge on both shoulders as given in Schedule-II (Plate 2)
G	Side Arm Badge	One embroidered badge on left arm with design given in Schedule-II (Plate 3)
H	Chest Badge	Metal badge of 8 cm length and 2.5 cm width to be worn above left shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule-II (Plate 4)
I	Name Tag	Name tag made of black plastic with white letters (1.5 cm x 8 cm) with arrangement for pinning to be worn above right shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II. This will also mention the blood group of the person wearing the uniform (Plate-5).
J	Shoes	Brown leather shoes/ Hunter shoes and khaki socks.
K	Lanyard and Whistle	Khaki Lanyard with a Nickel whistle with flat leather guard 1/4" wide to be worn in whistle pocket on left side.
L	Sweater / Jacket	Khaki full sleeved sweater (pullover) with 'V' neck and raglan sleeve with provision for taking out shoulder straps to show rank badges. Khaki jackets with full sleeves

6. Driver Grade – I/Senior Driver : A Driver Grade – I/Senior Driver will wear the uniform as prescribed below:-

S.no	Uniform Item	Uniform for Driver Grade I/ Senior Driver
A	Headgear	Khaki beret cap with plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) affixed in the middle.
B	Shirt	Khaki tight fitting, double breast pocket with straight flaps and shoulder Loops for Badges with folded sleeves
C	Trouser	Khaki Pants
D	Belt	Brown leather belt with circular brass buckle with silver plating having plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) in center.
E	Shoulder Badge	Silver plated L.F. badge on both shoulders as given in Schedule-II (Plate 2)
F	Side Arm Badge	One embroidered badge on left arm with design given in Schedule-II (Plate 3)
G	Chest Badge	Metal badge of 8 cm length and 2.5 cm width to be worn above left shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule-II (Plate 4)
H	Name Tag	Name tag depicting name with designation made of black plastic with white letters (2 cm x 8 cm) with arrangement for pinning to be worn above right shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II. This will also mention the blood group of the person wearing the uniform (Plate-8).
I	Shoes	Brown leather shoes/ Hunter shoes and khaki socks.
J	Lanyard and Whistle	Khaki Lanyard with a Nickel whistle with flat leather guard 1/4" wide to be worn in whistle pocket on left side.
K	Sweater / Jacket	Khaki full sleeved sweater (pullover) with 'V' neck and raglan sleeve with provision for taking out shoulder straps to show rank badges. Khaki jackets with full sleeves

7. Driver Grade – II/Junior Driver: A Driver Grade- II/Junior driver will wear the uniform as prescribed below:

S.no	Uniform Item	Uniform for Driver Grade – II/Junior Driver
A	Headgear	Khaki beret cap with plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) affixed in the middle.
B	Shirt	Khaki tight fitting, double breast pocket with straight flaps and shoulder Loops for Badges with folded sleeves
C	Trouser	Khaki Pants
D	Belt	Brown leather belt with circular brass buckle with silver plating having plate given in Schedule-II (Plate 1) in center
E	Shoulder Badge	Silver plated L.F. badge on both shoulders as given in Schedule-II (Plate 2)
F	Side Arm Badge	One embroidered badge on left arm with design given in Schedule-II (Plate 3)
G	Chest Badge	Metal badge of 8 cm length and 2.5 cm width to be worn above left shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule-II (Plate 4)
H	Name Tag	Name tag depicting name with designation made of black plastic with white letters (2 cm x 8 cm) with arrangement for pinning to be worn above right shirt pocket as depicted in Schedule –II. This will also mention the blood group of the person wearing the uniform (Plate-9).
I	Shoes	Brown leather shoes/ Hunter shoes and khaki socks.
J	Lanyard and Whistle	Khaki Lanyard with a Nickel whistle with flat leather guard 1/4" wide to be worn in whistle pocket on left side.
K	Sweater / Jacket	Khaki full sleeved sweater (pullover) with 'V' neck and raglan sleeve with provision for taking out shoulder straps to show rank badges. Khaki jackets with full sleeves

Other relevant prescriptions are as below:

- i. The color of shirts and belts of all above field staff will be khaki. The shirt must have two pockets with flap at chest level on both sides.
- ii. Khaki trousers will be of unfolded bottom with two side pockets and one at back. Trousers at the bottom will not measure less than 15” and more than 18”.
- iii. Winter outerwear for high-altitude and snow conditions shall comprise of a) Insulated Jacket with –20°C rating, windproof/water-resistant shell, hood with fur/synthetic trim along with reflective strips. Insulated trousers/snow pants with reinforced panels,
- iv. Hunter shoes/Jungle boots may normally be used at the time of patrolling or similar operations [the specifications in this regard as per requirement shall include High-ankle tactical/mountaineering boots with anti-slip deep-lug soles; reinforced steel/fiber toe and heel, waterproof breathable membrane, cushioned midsole etc. along with woolen moisture-wicking socks.
- v. Shirt shall always be inserted into trousers with a belt above it.
- vi. Name plate always be fixed up above right pocket at chest level and name of person should be written in white letters on black plate.
- vii. Forest Guard/Wildlife Guard and Forester/Wildlife Forester shall keep with them a Cane Stick (Lathi)/ polycarbonate Baton in performing their duties.
- viii. Sikh personnel may wear turbans instead of beret caps or peak caps as the case may be. Color of the turban will be the same as that of the beret/peak cap.
- ix. Women personnel may wear Salwars, Kurtas, Dupattas. Colour of Salwar, Kurta and Dupatta will be the same as that of shirts and trousers.
- x. Personal Protective Equipment(PEE) such as Insulated wool cap/helmet of the prescribed colour, Winter insulated gloves, Socks, layered wears, Thermal Top/ Bottom, Neck Warmer, UV Protective eye wear, Trekking shoes shall be provided.
- xi. Bodycams provided by the Department to be worn by field staff while manning check points and carrying out anti-poaching patrolling. Besides GPS-enabled devices, high-visibility vests, crampons/spikes, gaiters will also be used as per the requirement.

Schedule –II
Designs of Badges and Insignia

Plate Plate



Plate 2



Plate 3**Plate 4**

Plate 5: Name Tag**Plate 6****Plate 7**

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Plate 8 : Name Tag with designation for Driver Grade-I

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DRIVER GRADE - I**

Plate 9: Name Tag with designation for Driver Grade-II

**STANZIN DORJEY
DRIVER GRADE - II**

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