

Lalu wants 80% quota for locals in Bihar govt jobs

PATNA: At a time when JD(U) president and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar + is battling for reservation for Dalits in judiciary and private sector across the country, his 'Bade Bhai' and RJD boss Lalu Prasad wants a different sort of quota in all categories of government jobs in the state.

Lalu on Wednesday said the Bihar government should immediately make a necessary change in its quota policy and other related laws to reserve at least 80% seats for locals, irrespective of caste, in all categories of government jobs.

Talking to TOI, Lalu said he would soon hold a discussion with CM Nitish Kumar on the issue of plight of Bihari students and press for reserving 80% seats for locals in all vacancies, to be filled by the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC), Bihar Staff Selection Commission (BSSC) or any other recruiting agency, in Bihar government.

"Hamare bachche naukari ke liye dusre rajyo mein mare-mare phir rahe hai, aur Bihar sarkar ki naukariya dusre log harap rahe hai (Our boys and girls are running from pillar to post for job in other states, whereas people from other states are grabbing jobs in Bihar government)," Lalu said claiming a large number of candidates from other states were "grabbing" jobs in Class-2 and Class-3 services of Bihar government in absence of well-defined job policy for the locals.

Asked to explain on 'job grabbing' by outsiders, the RJD boss said he was recently informed by several groups of competitive examinees, aspirants for the post of assistant professor in the state universities and other intellectuals that a majority of unreserved posts in different services were being grabbed by the candidates from other states at the cost of Bihari boys and girls.

To a question, Lalu declined to take name of any specific services/examination in which a majority of jobs were grabbed by the outsiders. However, sources in his party said the RJD boss is concerned ever since a few groups of aspirants for the post of assistant professor and BPSC's examination met him and informed that majority of the unreserved posts in different services were being grabbed by outsiders.

RJD spokesperson Dr Ashok Sinha said recently Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal demanded 80% quota in admission in Delhi colleges for local

students. Some of the states already have their employment policy for locals.

An RJD functionary, who didn't want to be identified, pointed out that a majority of candidates for the post of assistant professor mainly in science subjects who have been found eligible for interview hail from other states. Naturally, they would grab majority of unreserved seats. "Even candidates from far-off states like Kerala are being selected for the post of assistant professor in Bihar, whereas our boys are being denied job," he said.