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AP reserves 75% of private jobs for locals

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Andhra Pradesh became the first state in the country to reserve jobs for locals after the Assembly on Monday passed the 'Employment of Local Candidates in Industries and Factories Act 2019'.

The Act reserves 75% of jobs for locals in all industries, including units, factories, joint ventures and projects set up under public-private partner-

ship mode. It is applicable to existing industries and factories in the state as well as those being set up after the implementation of the law.

The rule states that if locals with the required skill sets are not available, the industry has to train them in association with the state government and then hire them.

With this, the Y S Jaganmohan Reddy gov-

ernment hopes that the companies won't have any excuses to tender jobs to locals. The firms must comply with the provisions of the Act and also submit quarterly reports.

The Act also suggests that the state set up enough training centres to train local youths.

The Federation of Small and Medium Enterprises of India (FSME India) hailed the move.

"It is the need of the hour as unemployment is at its peak in Andhra Pradesh. It will benefit thousands of unemployed in residual Andhra Pradesh," said A P K Reddy, national president of FSME India.

A bill giving 50% reservation to Backward Classes (BC), SC, ST and communities classes in nominated posts and state corporations, boards, societies, trusts and agricultural market yards was also introduced in the Assembly.

