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Recruitment freeze will hit Kalyana Karnataka

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Withholding all fresh recruitment in the current fiscal could adversely affect the backward Kalyana Karnataka region. A case in point was of 1,203 PU lecturers for government colleges on the verge of appointment this year, though vacancies were notified six years ago. Candidates allege that those who won't be appointed this year will face discrepancies in service benefits, seniority and others. Opposition leaders say that appointments to administra-

tive posts should be prioritised over airports, statues and other unnecessary expenditure during the year.

Amaresh Devaral, a candidate, said that most of the candidates were from Kalyana Karnataka region with several candidates past their 40s. "Putting appointments on hold for a year would be detrimental," he said.

Finance department, in an order issued July 6 put direct recruitment on hold as an "economy" measure to cut costs. Direct recruitment to all posts, including backlogs and the Kalyana Karnataka cadre for the 2020-21 financial year

are put on hold until further orders.

Congress MLA Priyank Kharge alleged that the most of the appointments withheld were of Kalyana Karnataka region. More than half the posts sanctioned for the region are vacant, and freezing appointments for a year would adversely affect administration of the region.

"The government has sanctioned new airports and statues, despite being under severe financial duress. Though airports are essential, it should have prioritised appointments to administrative and other key posts," he said.