

AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department

“Muzaffarabad”

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No. LD/Legis-Act/439-52/2021. The following Act, passed by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on 28th day of May, 2021 and received the assent of the President on the 15th day of June, 2021, is hereby published for general information.

[Act XXIII of 2021]

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Act

further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1971

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1971 (Act XVI of 1971), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and Commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Section 2, Act XVI of 1971.- In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1971 (Act XVI of 1971), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, sub-section (4) of Section 2 shall be substituted as under:-

“(4) “Family” means,-

(a) in the case of male employee, the wife or wives, and in the case of a female employee, the husband of employee;

(b) the natural sons upto the age of twenty-one years, provided that they are not handicapped or mentally retarded; and

(c) parents, minor brothers, unmarried, divorced or widowed daughters and sisters of the employee wholly depended upon him.”

3. Amendment of Section 4, Act XVI of 1971.- In the said Act, in Section 4, following amendments shall be made:-

(i) in sub-section (2), in clause (c), for the words “Additional Secretary S&GAD”, the words “Additional Secretary/Senior

Additional Secretary/Special Secretary S&GAD” shall be substituted.

- (ii) in sub-section (3), in clause (e), for the words “Additional Secretary S&GAD”, the words “Additional Secretary/Senior Additional Secretary/Special Secretary S&GAD” shall be substituted.
- (iii) after sub-section (3), following new sub-section (4) shall added:-
“(4) Amendment in Section 4 shall be deemed to have taken effect from 26.11.2013.”

4. Addition of Section 14-A, Act XVI of 1971.- In the said Act, after Section 14, a new Section 14-A shall be added as under:-

“14-A. Utilization of Fund.- The fund shall be utilized for,-

- (a) the relief of Government servants and their families by-
 - (i) giving financial assistance to the families of deceased Government servants;
 - (ii) giving financial assistance to Government servants invalided out of service; and
 - (iii) making special grants to Government servants in exceptional cases;
- (b) defraying expenditure incurred in respect of management of the Fund. The benefits admissible under this Section shall be in addition to the pensions, family pension or gratuities awarded under the rules regulating the conditions of service of Government servants; and
- (c) the Board may, where it considers expedient and keeping in view the availability of funds after discharging its liability under this Act, make schemes for disbursement of any amount for the benefit of employees, including retired employees and their families.”

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