

**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department

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**'MUZAFFARABAD'**

Dated: 15.12.2022

No. LD/Legis./Ord./144-56/2022. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, is hereby published for general information.

**[Ordinance IX of 2022]**

**An**

**Ordinance**

further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government Act, 1990

**Whereas**, it is expedient further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government Act, 1990 (Act VII of 1990), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

**And Whereas**, the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly is not in session and the President Azad Jammu and Kashmir is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

*Mashim (Barwad)* **Now, therefore**, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-Article (1) of Article 41 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution, 1974, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Ordinance may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 2, Act VII of 1990.**- In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government Act, 1990 (Act VII of 1990), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 2,

i) after clause (xxi), a new clause (xxi-a), shall be added as under:-  
“(xxi-a) ‘Farmer’ means and includes a person engaged in cultivation of land or crops or raises cattles or livestock or fish;”

ii) after clause (xlvii), a new clause (xlvii-a), shall be added as under:-

“(xlvii-a) ‘Reserved Seat’ means a seat reserved in a Local Council for Women, Youth, Farmers, Workers or any other class of the society, to be filled through indirect election;”

iii) the clause (lxvii) shall be substituted as under:-

“(lxvii) ‘Worker’ means a worker as defined in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Relations Act, 2017;”

3. **Amendment of Section 8, Act VII of 1990.**- In the said Act, in Section 8, after sub-section (1-a), a following new sub-section (1-b), shall be added:-

“(1-b) A Union Council having eight or more directly elected members shall have one Reserved Seat for representation of Farmers.”

4. **Amendment of Section 9, Act VII of 1990.**- In the said Act, in Section 9, after sub-section (4), a following new sub-section (5), shall be added:-

“(5) A District Council having eight or more directly elected members shall have one Reserved Seat for representation of Farmers.”

5. **Amendment of Section 11, Act VII of 1990.**- In the said Act, in Section 11, after sub-section (1-a), a following new sub-section (1-b) shall be added:-

“(1-b) A Town Committee having eight or more directly elected members shall have one Reserved Seat for representation of Workers.”

6. **Amendment of Section 12, Act VII of 1990.**- In the said Act, in Section 12, after sub-section (4), a following new sub-section (5), shall be added:-

“(5) A Municipal Committee having eight or more directly elected members shall have one Reserved Seat for representation of Workers.”

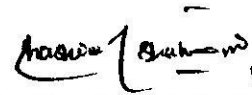
7. **Amendment of Section 12-A, Act VII of 1990.**- In the said Act, in Section 12-A, after sub-section (4), a following new sub-section (5) shall be added:-

"(5) A Municipal Corporation having eight or more directly elected members shall have one Reserved Seat for representation of Workers."

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**President**

Azad Jammu and Kashmir

 15/12/2022

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