

THE CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 1948.

Resolution No. 583/48:- Resolved that the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1948, forming appendix to this council order is hereby passed.

Whereas it is expedient to make The Law of Offences relating to marriage more effective and to make some other amendments in the criminal law.

It is hereby enacted as follows :-

1. This Act may be called the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1948.
2. It shall extend to the whole of the territories under the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government.
3. This Act shall be deemed to amend the provisions of the Azad Kashmir Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code to the extent to which there is anything repugnant or contrary to the provisions of this Act.
4. In cases under sections 497, 498 of the Azad Kashmir Penal Code the wife shall be punishable as an abettor.
5. All offences under sections 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498 of the Azad Kashmir Penal Code shall be cognizable, bailable, and compoundable.
6. It shall not be necessary that the courts shall take cognizance of offences under sections 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498 of Azad Kashmir Penal Code on the complaint of the aggrieved persons only.
7. All offences under sections 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498 of the Azad Kashmir Penal Code may be compounded by the persons aggrieved and by no one also.
8. The sentence of death passed against any person shall on confirmation by the Government, be executed by shooting him dead.