

**THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS
(ADAPTATION) ACT. 1948**

The following resolution was passed on 7.10.1948 :-

Resolution No. 571:- Resolved that Legal Practitioners Act as it is in force in the West Punjab is adopted in the Azad Kashmir territory.

This Act shall be applicable to the Azad Kashmir Territory with necessary modifications and changes that may be required in view of the particular conditions in the Azad Kashmir Territory. The necessary modifications and changes, if any, to be adopted shall be reported by the Law Department, and approval of the Council obtained from time to time. This Act shall be known as the Azad Kashmir Legal Practitioners Act 1948. This shall come into force at once.

**THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES MAINTENANCE
ORDINANCE, 1948**

The following resolution was passed on 10/48.

Resolution No. 577:- Resolved that the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance No. I of 1948 forming appendix 'A' to this resolution is hereby passed.

An Ordinance to maintain control over essential services.

Whereas an emergency has arisen to maintain strict control over essential services it is hereby provided as follows :-

1. This Ordinance may be called the Essential services Maintenance Ordinance of 1948 and shall remain in force for six months in the first instance from the date it is passed by the Government and may be extended thereafter.
2. It shall extend to the whole of the liberated area of the Jammu and Kashmir Government and to all persons serving under the said Government.
3. In this Ordinance the word 'Deserter' shall mean and include any person, who being in the service of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government as a public servant within its meaning provided for by the Azad Kashmir Penal Code, absents himself

from duty without the permission of the lawful authority concerned or who having lawfully obtained permission unlawfully remains absent when he is required to resume his duty.

4. Whoever is a deserter shall, on conviction before a Magistrate of the first class, be punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.
 5. All offences under section 4, shall be bailable and cognizable.
 6. No prosecution shall be launched and no arrest shall be made under this Ordinance without the previous sanction of the Minister for Law and Order.
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