

**THE AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1969
(Act I of 1969)**

*(Passed under Government Order No. 2528-2568/SL/69,
dated the Muzaffarabad, 6th October 1969).*

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Act, 1968, 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 Government (Amendment) Act, 1969,

(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 6:-** In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Act, 1968, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 6:
 - (a) in sub-section (2), for the words 'with the previous consent' the words 'after obtaining the advice' shall be substituted; and
 - (b) sub-section (3) shall be omitted.
3. **Substitution of section 7:-** In the said Act, for section 7 the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"7. Other Functions of the State Council.—(1) The State Council may advise the President in the performance of his functions.

(2) The State Council shall be informed of every case which is required to be referred to the Public Service Commission but in which the advice of the Commission has not been obtained or has not been accepted."
4. **Amendment of section 9:-** In the said Act in section 9, the words 'with the concurrence of the Chief Adviser' shall be omitted.
5. **Substitution of section 15:-** In the said Act, for section 15 the

following shall be substituted, namely :

"15. *Interim arrangement regarding Chairman in the case of a casual vacancy:-* Where any casual vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman on account of death, resignation or any other cause, the Chief-Adviser shall forthwith nominate a person to be the Chairman. "

6. **Amendment of section 16:-** In the said Act, in section 16, in sub-section (1), for the words ' member of the State Council qualified to be elected as Chairman 'the word ' person ' shall be substituted.
7. **Substitution of section 18:-** In the said Act, for section 18 the following shall be substituted, namely:—

CHAPTER III-A Ministers

18. *Appointment of Minister.*—(1) The President may, if he thinks fit, appoint such number of Ministers as he may consider necessary to assist him in the performance of his functions under this Act.

(2) A Minister shall hold office during the pleasure of the President."

8. **Amendment of section 20:-** In the said Act, in section 20, after, the words 'a person elected' the words 'or nominated' shall be inserted.
9. **Omission of section 21:-** In the said Act, section 21 shall be omitted.
10. **Amendment of section 22:-** In the said Act, in section 22, for the words and commas 'previously approved, with or without modification, by the Words 'made after obtaining the advice in writing of shall be substituted.
11. **Insertion of section 22-A:-** In the said Act, after section 22 amended as aforesaid the following new section shall be inserted, namely :—

"22-A. *Chief Adviser to be informed of certain cases:-* The President shall inform the Chief Adviser of every case which

is required to be referred to the Public Service Commission but in which the advice of the Commission has not been obtained or has not been accepted."
