

**AZAD GOVT. OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
LAW AND PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,
MUZAFFARABAD.**

Dated the December 24, 1975.

No, 3936/ SL/ 75 The following Act, of the Legislative Assembly received the assent of the President on the 16th day of December, 1975, and is hereby published for general information:-

(ACT XXI OF 1975)

An Act to provided for re-adopting and regulating the use of State flag.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provided for re-adopting and regulating the use of the Stat flag, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

- 1. Short title and commencement:-** (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir State Flag Act, 1975.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir territory and shall apply to all the state subject of Jammu and Kashmir wherever they may be.
 - (3) It shall come into force with effect from the commencing day.
- 2. Definition:** In the Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-
 - (a) "Government" means the Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir;
 - (b) "State Flag" means the flag which was in use as the flag of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in the period commencing immediately after the setting up to the Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir in the year 1947 and ending with the twenty third day of August, 1947 as specified in schedule of this Act;
 - (c) "Commencing day" means the day fixed by the Government by Notification in the Government Gazette for coming into force of this Act;
 - (d) "Person" includes any body politic or corporate;

- (e) "Prescribed" means as prescribed by rules made under section 7 of this Act;
- 3. Re-adopting of state flag:** (1) The State flag shall be re-adopted as the flag of Azad Jammu and Kashmir with effect from the commencing day and shall continue to be used as such till the accession of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan.
- (2) The State flag shall be given due respect by the Government and the State subject wherever they may as the symbol, of freedom movement of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 4. Use of state flag:** (1) The manner in which the State flag will be used and the persons entitled to the use of the State flag shall be such as may be prescribed.
- (2) The State flag shall not be hosted or used except as provided in sub-section (1) of this section.
- 5. Ban of use of the discarded flag:** (1) The flag being used as the flag of Azad Jammu and Kashmir immediately before the commencing day, shall stand discarded from the commencing day and all such flag shall be deposited with the Govt, which will arrange for their preservation.
- (2) No person shall use the flag so discarded or any flag of that design for any purposes whatsoever.
- 6. Forfeiture and Punishment:** (1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Act or abets such contravention shall be punished with simple imprisonment which may extend to three months or with fine not exceeding two thousand rupees or with both and any flag being used in contravention of these provisions may be seized by a police officer not below the rank of a sub-inspector and shall be forfeited to the State.
- (2) The offences under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable and shall be triable by magistrate of the First class.
- 7. Rules:** The Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
- 8. Repeal:** The Azad Jammu and Kashmir State Flag Ordinance 1975 (Ordinance XXXI of 1975) is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE

- (a) Three fourth green background and the crescent star represents concept of Islam and Muslim population in the State.
- (b) One fourth orange (gold) color represents the minorities of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- (c) Four white stripes represent the rivers of the State.

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