

**THE AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR FOREST (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1959**

(Passed under Council Order No. 81/59 dated 2-2-59)

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Act, 1930, it is hereby enacted as follows :-

1. (i) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Amendment) Act, 1959.

(ii) It shall extend to the whole of Azad Kashmir Territory and shall come into force at once.

2. The Following shall be added as Section 14-B in the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Act of 1930 as in force in Azad Kashmir Territory :-

"14-B. (1) The owner of any land or, if there be more than one owner thereof, the owners of shares therein amounting in the aggregate to at least two-third thereof, may, with a view to formation or conservation of forests thereon, represent in writing to the Collector their desire :-

(a) that such land be managed on their behalf by the Forest Officers as a demarcated or un-demarcated forest on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon; or

(b) that all or any of the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Act of 1930 be applied to land.

(2) In either case the Government may by notification in the official Gazette, apply to such land such provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Act as it thinks suitable to the circumstances thereof and as may be desired by the applicants."
