

**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
LAW, JUSTICE, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
DEPARTMENT MUZAFFARABAD**

Dated: 10th January, 2020.

No. LD/Legis-Act/109-121/2020. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 3rd day of January 2020, is hereby published for general information.

(ACT IX OF 2020)

**An
Act**

to provide for making compulsory teaching of the Holy Quran to Muslim students in all educational institutions

WHEREAS, it is expedient and necessary in a Islamic State to provide for making teaching of the Holy Quran compulsory to Muslims students in all educational institutions in the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, application and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran Act, 2019.
 - (2) It shall apply to the extent of Muslim students in all educational institutions, situated within the territory of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
 - (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions.**- In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
 - (a) “Educational institution” means any school, college, institution, madrasa by whatever name called for, established and setup in public or private sector for imparting education to students irrespective of its status whether registered or not registered with the registration authority or any other body;
 - (b) “Government” means the Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir;
 - (c) “Naazrah Quran” means recitation by sighting of the Arabic text;
 - (d) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and

- (e) "Rules" means Rules made under this Act.
3. **Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran.**- (1) There shall be, in all Educational institutions, compulsory teaching of,-
- (a) the Naazrah Quran in classes, grades or, as the case may be, level I to V in the Prescribed manner; and
- (b) the translation of the Holy Quran in classes, grades or, as the case may be, levels VI to XII in such prescribed manner so that the entire Holy Quran is completed upto class, grade or, as the case may be, level XII.
4. **Power to make Rules.**- The Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
5. **Act not to be derogatory to any other law.**- The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of any other law, for the time being in force.

Sd/-
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