

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

Dated the 27th December, 2001

No. LD/Leg/1515-23/2001. The following Act of the Assembly received the assent of the President on the 10th December, 2001, is hereby published for general information:-

**(ACT XXIII OF 2001)**

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to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1971

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1971 (Act XVI of 1971) 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 Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2001.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Section 4, Act XVI of 1971.**- In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1971 (Act XVI of 1971), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, Section 4 shall be substituted as under:-

**“4. Board of Trustees.**- (1) There shall be set up two boards to be known as:-

- (a) Board of Trustees of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (Gazetted) Employees Benevolent fund; and
- b) Board of Trustees of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (NonGazetted) employees Benevolent Fund.

(2) The Board of Trustees of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (Gazetted) employees Benevolent Fund shall consist of the following namely:-

a)	Chief Secretary Azad Govt. of the State of Jammu and Kashmir	Chairman
b)	Secretary Law and Parliamentary Affairs Azad Govt. of the State of J &K	Member

c)	Secretary Services	Member
d)	Secretary Finance	Member
e)	Accountant General	Member
f)	Addl. Secretary S&GAD (Gazetted)	Member/ Secretary
g)	Two representative of the Registered Gazetted Association nominated by the Government.	Members

(3) The Board of Trustees of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (Non-Gazetted) Employees Benevolent Fund shall consist of following namely:-

a)	Chief Secretary	Chairman
b)	Secretary Law	Member
c)	Secretary Finance	Member
d)	Accountant General	Member
e)	Addl. Secretary S&GAD, (Regulation)	Member/ Secretary
f)	Two representative of the Registered Non-Gazetted Association nominated by the Government.	Members

3. **Amendment of Section 13, Act XVI of 1971.**- In the said Act, Section 13 shall be substituted and shall always be deemed to have been so substituted as under:-

“13. Benevolent fund grant to be paid from the Benevolent fund, if an employee:-

- a) is declared by the prescribed medical authority to have been completely incapacitated physically or mentally to discharge the duties of his employment and is for that reason retired or remove from service, he shall be entitled to receive for life such benevolent grant from the Benevolent Fund as may be prescribed; or
- b) dies during the continuance of his employment, or during retirement before attaining the age of seventy years, his spouse shall be entitled to

receive for life such benevolent grant from Benevolent Fund as may be prescribed:

Provided that, if the deceased employee has no spouse or his spouse has died, the other members of his family shall entitled to receive Benevolent grant from the Benevolent Fund a period of fifteen years or up to the date the deceased employee would have attained the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier.

Provided further that, in the case of an employee who dies after having drawn benevolent grant, the said period of fifteen years shall be reckoned from the date from which he began drawing such grant.”

8. **Repeal.**- The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance LXIV of 2001) is hereby repealed.

Sd/-(Irshad Ahmed Qureshi)

Deputy Secretary