

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

Dated: 21st March, 2017

No. LD/Legis-Act/144-157/2017. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 16th day of March 2017, is hereby published for general information.

(ACT IX OF 2017)

**An
Act**

to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts Act, 1993

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Family Courts Act, 1993 (Act XI of 1994), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, Extent and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 9, Act XI of 1994 .-** In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts Act, 1993 (Act XI of 1994), in Section 9, in sub-section (4), the full stop at the end shall be substituted by a colon and thereafter following new proviso shall be inserted:-

“Provided that court shall be satisfied before initiating such proceedings that defendant is either willfully avoiding the receipt of the notice or is not appearing before the court deliberately inspite of receipt of notice.”

Sd/-

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