

**THE AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY, SPEAKER'S ALLOWANCES & PRIVILEGES
RULES, 1973**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Speaker's (Salary, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1971, the President is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

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1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) These rules may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Speaker's Allowances and Privilege Rules, 1973.

(2) These rules shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the 7th day of January 1971.
2. **Definitions:-** (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (a) 'Act' means the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Speaker's (Salary, Allowances and Privileges) Act 1971;
 - (b) 'Family' means the wife, legitimate children and stepchildren residing with and wholly dependent upon the Speaker;
 - (c) 'official residence' means the house reserved, from time to time, for use by the Speaker and includes the staff quarters other buildings, grounds appurtenant thereto;
 - (d) 'President' means the President of the Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir;
 - (e) 'Public business' means the official business in Azad Kashmir or Pakistan or special assignments given by the President, as the case may be.
(2) Other words and expressions used in these rules and defined in the Act of the Kashmir Civil Service Rules or Financial Rules

for the time being in force, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act or the said Rules.

3. **Allowances on taking up and laying down the office:-** (1) The Speaker shall be entitled to claim actual expenses to the extent mentioned below from his ordinary place of residence to the seat of Government on taking up office and from the seat of Government to his ordinary place of residence on laying down office:-
- (a) the actual travelling expenses for himself and his family;
 - (b) the cost, of transporting personal servants, not exceeding two, by the lowest class of accommodation; and
 - (c) the cost of transporting house-hold effects, not exceeding one hundred and twenty mounds, by bus, goods train, and his personal car, if any.
- (2) No claims shall lie for any travel or transportation not performed within six months of the date of taking up or laying down office, as the case may be;
- Provided that such a claim for travel or transportation performed at any time before the publication of these rules may be entertained.
4. **Official residence:-** For the purpose of sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Act, the cost of maintenance of the Speaker's official residence shall include:-
- (i) full charges on account of water supply; and
 - (ii) full charges for consumption of electricity subject to a maximum of Rs. 100/- per month.
5. **Travelling allowance for journeys in Azad Kashmir and Pakistan:-** (1) Subject to the provisions made hereinafter, the Speaker traveling on public business shall be treated as First Grade Officer-
- (2) **Journey by air:-** The Speaker may, if the public interest so demands, travel by air, in which case he shall be entitled:-
- (a) to the actual air fare paid for himself;

- (b) to the cost of transporting personal luggage up to one hundred pounds, inclusive of the free allowance given by the air company;
- (c) to the cost of transporting up to one personal servant by the lowest class of accommodation by rail;
- (d) to the carriage of personal luggage by rail, subject to a maximum of three mounds;
- (e) to claim the actual premium paid for insuring himself for the air journey for an amount not exceeding one lac of rupees.

Note. Wherever possible, the Speaker shall purchase a return air ticket.

(3) **Journey by rail:-** The Speaker, when travelling on public business by Railway shall be entitled:-

- (a) to requisition at the cost of Government:-
 - (i) when travelling on the main lines, an ordinary first-cum-second C class carriage or B Class Tourist Car;
 - (ii) when travelling of the main lines, an eight-wheeled (A Class) Tourist Car;
 - (iii) if the vehicles specified in sub-clauses (i) and (ii) are not available, or not desired, an ordinary four berthed first class compartment or a two berthed first class air conditioned (coupe) compartment.
- (b) to take his wife with himself in the reserved accommodation, without payment of any fare;
- (c) to take with himself upto one personal servant by the lowest class of accommodation available;
- (d) to the carriage of personal luggage upto the normal free allowance limit according to the accommodation utilized.

Note:- The Speaker when reserving accommodation in the Railway shall be required before beginning the journey, to have the number and other details of the tickets purchased for the personal traveling with him in the reserved accommodation, entered on the requisition form by the

Station Master of the Station from which the journey is to commence.

(4) **Journey by road:-** (1) When the Speaker travels on public business by road between place connected by Railway and choosed to forego the privileges granted under sub-rule (3) he may, where the journey is performed in a vehicle not owned or maintained by Government, draw:-

(a) traveling allowance at the rate of seventy-five paisa per mile for his own journey by road; and

(b) actual expenses of the transport of-

(i) one private servant; and

(ii) to the carriage of personal luggage upto three mounds.

(2) When traveling by a car owned or maintained by Government he shall draw one daily allowance for each day of journey or halt at the rates applicable to him.

6. **Daily Allowance during halt:-** The Speaker, shall be entitled to draw a daily allowance of Rs. 15/- and Rs. 25/- for the duration of his halt in Azad Kashmir and Pakistan respectively, as the case may be.

7. **Controlling Officer:-** The Speaker shall, for purposes of travelling allowance, be his own controlling officer.

8. **Medical Facilities.-** The Speaker shall be entitled to medical facilities admissible in terms of the rules framed by the Government from time to time except that he and his family shall be entitled to medical attendance at his residence also.

9. **General:-** (1) All reasonable precautions shall be taken to see that the official residence and furniture provided to the Speaker by Government are used by him with same care with which he would use his own property.

(2) All furniture and furnishings provided in an official residence shall be marked by the Public Works Department of the Government for the purpose of identification.

(3) When the Speaker occupies an official residence, it shall be the duty of the officer concerned of the Public Works Department, to hand over the charge of the furniture and furnishings in that residence to the Speaker or to a person authorised by the Speaker in writing according to an inventory to be drawn up and signed by that officers.

(4) when the Speaker is about to vacate the official residence he shall inform the officer concerned of the Public Works Department, and shall arrange that the furniture and furnishings of the official residence are handed over to that officer according to an inventory to be drawn up and signed by that officer. If any discrepancy is found in the inventories mentioned in sub-clauses (3) and (4), the Speaker shall be responsible to make good the loss.

(5) The officer concerned of the Public Works Department, may, from time to time, inspect an official residence, its furniture and furnishings as with the prior approval of the speaker.

10. The Speaker may draw a sum of rupees one thousand and five hundred as equipment allowance:-

(a) on first appointment as Speaker: Provided that no such allowance was received by him during the preceding ten years in a diplomatic appointment or appointment to the office of a Minister or that of a President; and

(b) after the lapse of ten years from the drawl of such amount on a previous occasion.

11. **Charge report:-** The Speaker shall not be required to sign a charge report on taking up office as Speaker or on laying down that office.

Sd/Assistant Legal Remembrance.

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