

**THE AZAD KASHMIR DISTRICT CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS  
ORDER, 1959**

(Passed under Government Order No. 427/59 Dated 17-8-1959)

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the appointment of District Consultative Councils in Azad Kashmir, it is hereby ordered as follows :-

1. This order may be called the Azad Kashmir District Consultative Councils Order, 1959.
2. It shall come into force at once.
3. The Government may, by notification, establish a District Consultative Council for each district provided that for the purposes of this order the area within the local limits of a Municipality shall not be deemed to be a part of the district.
4. (i) A District Consultative Council shall consist of such number of members, not less than five and not more than seven, as the Government may fix in this behalf.  
  
(ii) The members of a District Consultative Council shall be appointed by the Deputy Commissioner of the District out of the elected members of Village Panchayat Committees provided that in respect of areas where no Panchayat Committees exist or no elections have been held or where it is deemed necessary to allow presentation to special interests, any other persons may be nominated as members.  
  
(iii) Each district shall be divided into as many zones as the number of members fixed for each District Consultative Council and no person who is not a permanent resident in the zone shall be appointed as a member of the District Consultative Council.  
  
(iv) The term of office of the members of the District Consultative Council shall be fixed by the Government provided that when a member of the District Consultative Council ceases to be a member of the Panchayat Committee, he shall cease to be a member of the District Consultative Council.

A member of the District Consultative Council may be removed by the Deputy Commissioner for continued absence

from three consecutive meetings or for misconduct or for any other sufficient cause.

(vi) The Deputy Commissioner of the district shall be the President of the District Consultative Council.

(vii) A member of the District Consultative Council may resign by notifying his intention in writing to the Deputy Commissioner.

(viii) The appointment of a member of a District Consultative Council shall not carry any remuneration but the members may be allowed such travelling allowance and Daily Allowance as may be fixed by the Government.

5. A person shall not be appointed as a member of the District Consultative Council, if he :-

(i) has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind ;

(ii) has at any time within five years, been serving a sentence of imprisonment for a period exceeding six months on conviction for an offence ;

(iii) is an undischarged insolvent or being a discharged insolvent has not obtained from the court a certificate that his insolvency was caused by misfortune ;

(iv) is considered to be unfit for appointment for any other sufficient cause.

6. The District Consultative Council shall advise the Government in respect of the following matters and shall submit its recommendations to the Government through the Commissioner:-

(i) the construction, repair and maintenance of village road ;

(ii) the establishment and management of dispensaries and schools, and repairs and construction of buildings connected with these institutions ;

(iii) the supply, storage and preservation from pollution of water for drinking, cooking and bathing purposes ;

- (iv) the planting and preservation of trees ;
  - (v) execution of small development schemes connected with 'Hools' and irrigation ;
  - (vi) measures in time of famine or other calamity ;
  - (vii) fairs, agricultural shows and industrial exhibitions ;
  - (viii) setting up of small cottage industries ;
  - (ix) any other local works or measures likely to promote the health, comfort, convenience and interest of the public or the agricultural or industrial prosperity of the country.
7. (i) The minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the District Consultative Council shall be drawn up and recorded in a book by an officer of the Government to be appointed from time to time as Secretary of the District Consultative Council and the same shall be approved and signed by the Deputy Commissioner as chairman of the Council.
- (ii) The Deputy Commissioner shall submit a copy of the recommendations of the District Consultative Council under a covering letter to the Commissioner with its own views and suggestions.
8. The Deputy Commissioner shall hold meetings of the District Consultative Council at such place or places from time to time as he thinks fit.
9. The Government may, from time to time, issue such instructions as may be necessary for the execution of this Order.
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