

**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/82-95/2020. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2020, is hereby published for general information.

**(ACT VII OF 2020)**

**An  
Act**

further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) for the purposes here-in-after appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Addition of Section 156-A, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), after Section 156 a new Section 156-A shall be added as under:-

**“156-A. Investigation of Offences under Sections 295-A, 295-B and 295-C of Azad Penal Code.**- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Code, on receiving a complaint under Sections 295-A, 295-B or 295-C of the Azad Penal Code, a Committee comprising of the Deputy Inspector General Police of the concerned region and District Mufti of the concerned district shall conduct a fact finding preliminary inquiry into the matter and at conclusion, if it is established that such offences have prima facie been committed, the Committee shall direct for registration of a First Information Report under Section 154 of the Code, and no Police Officer below the rank of a Superintendent of Police shall investigate the offence alleged to have been committed by an accused under Section 295-C of the Azad Penal Code.”

Sd/-  
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