

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

Dated: 24th December, 2020

No. LD/Legis-Act/584-97/2020. The following Act, passed by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on 1st day of December, 2020 and received the assent of the President on the 17th day of December, 2020, is hereby published for general information.

[ACT XXXVII OF 2020]

**An
Act**

to amend the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 as adapted and enforced in Azad Jammu and Kashmir vide Act X of 2001, in the manner hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Control of Narcotics Substances (Amendment) Act, 2020.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 21, Act XXV of 1997.**- In the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 (Act XXV of 1997), as adapted and in force in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, the full stop at the end of clause (d) to sub-section (1) of Section 21 shall be substituted with colon “:” and following new proviso shall be added:-
Provided that in case of non-availability of a Sub-Inspector of Police or equivalent officer as mentioned in sub-section (1), an Assistant Sub-Inspector shall be competent to take such actions and discharge functions of a Sub-Inspector under this Section.
3. **Amendment of Section 46, Act XXV of 1997.**- In the said Act, in Section 46, following amendments shall be made:-
 - (a) In clause (ii) of sub-section (2), for the word “two”, the word “seven” shall be substituted.

- (b) In clause (ii) of sub-section (3), after the word “Class” the words and figures “empowered under Section 30 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898” shall be added.
- (c) In clause (ii) of sub-section (5), after the word “Class”, the words and figure “empowered under Section 30 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898” shall be added.

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