

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

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No. LD/Legis-Act/217/2016. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 8th day of February 2016, is hereby published for general information.

(ACT XX OF 2016)

**An
Act**

to amend the Marriages (Prohibition of Wasteful Expenses) Act, 1997

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Marriages (Prohibition of Wasteful Expenses) Act, 1997 (Act VIII of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**-(1) This Act may be called the Marriages (Prohibition of Wasteful Expenses) (Amendment) Act, 2016.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 4, Act VIII of 1997.**- In the Marriages (Prohibition of Wasteful Expenses) Act, 1997 (Act VIII of 1997), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 4, the sub-Section (1) shall be substituted as under:-
“(1) No person celebrating his or the marriage of any other person shall serve or allow anyone to serve any meals or other edibles except one dish which means a curry, rice with bread and one sweet dish other than hot and cold soft drinks.”
3. **Substitution of Section 5, Act VIII of 1996.**- In the said Act, Section 5 shall be substituted as under:-
“5. The persons owing or running a hotel, restaurant, wedding hall, community centre or club being site of a marriage ceremony or any centre shall serve or allow anyone to serve only one dish as specified in sub-section (1) of Section 4.”

Sd/-

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