

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

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No. LD/Legis-Act/27-38/2015. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 6th day of January 2015, is hereby published for general information.

(ACT II OF 2015)

**An
Act**

to amend the Seed Act, 2007

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Seed Act, 2007 (Act IV of 2007), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is therefore, enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, Extent and Commencement.**-(1) This Act may be called the Seed (Amendment) Act, 2014.
 - (2) It shall extend to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
 - (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 2, (Act IV of 2007).**- In the Seed Act, 2007 (Act IV of 2007), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 2, following amendments shall be made:-
 - (i) after clause 'd' following new clauses 'dd' and 'ddd' shall be added:-
 - “dd. “Council” means the State Seed Council established under Section 2-A;
 - ddd. “Fruit Plant Nurseries” means any area of land or premises on which plants are cultivated and produced for the purposes of resale or held for sale throughout the year.”
 - (ii) After clause 'i' following new clause 'ii' shall be added:-
 - “ii “Progeny Garden” means a garden for raising of certified fruit plants to be used for budding and grafting in a registered nursery”.
3. **Addition of new Section 2-A, (Act IV of 2007).**- In the said Act, after Section 2, the following new Section 2-A, shall be added namely:-
 - “2-A. **Establishment of State Seed Council.**-(1) After the commencement of this Act the Government, as soon as

possible, shall establish the State Seed Council under the chairmanship of the Minister for Agriculture for the performance of such functions as may be entrusted to it under this Act.

(2) The functions of the State Seed Council shall inter-alia be,-

- (a) to advise on policy for the development, operation and regulation of the seed industries;
- (b) to maintain a watch on the operation of the provisions of the said Act;
- (c) to guide in administering the seed quality control services;
- (d) to direct initiation of seed projects;
- (e) to ensure and project investment in the seed industry;
- (f) to approve and sanction seed standards;
- (g) to regulate inter-territory seed movement;
- (h) to advise on import of seeds;
- (i) to co-ordinate multiplication and supply of seeds of approved varieties;
- (j) to co-ordinate the arrangement for the maintenance of genetic potential;
- (k) to assist in developing approved seed production forms; and
- (l) any other matter which is necessary for carrying out the purposes of the said Act.

4. **Amendment of Section 8, (Act IV of 2007).**- In the said Act, in Section 8, after sub-section (3), a new sub-section (4) shall be added as under:-

“(4) Prescribed standard shall be not less than of the prescribed international standards.”

5. **Amendment of Section 9, (Act IV of 2007).**- In the said Act, in Section 9, in sub-section (1), between the words “seeds” and “shall” a comma and the words, “Fruit Plants Nurseries and Progeny Gardens” shall be added.

Sd/-

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