

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

Dated: 20th July, 2020

No. LD/Legis-Act/349-63/2020. The following Act, passed by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on 1st July, 2020 and received the assent of the President on the 10th day of July, 2020, is hereby published for general information.

(ACT XXIV OF 2020)

**An
Act**

to repeal the Timber Trade (Nationalization) Act, 1976

WHEREAS, it is expedient to repeal the Timber Trade (Nationalization) Act, 1976 (Act XVI of 1976), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Timber Trade (Nationalization) (Repeal) Act, 2020.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Repeal of the Timber Trade (Nationalization) Act, 1976.**- The Timber Trade (Nationalization) Act, 1976 (Act XVI of 1976), is hereby repealed.
3. **Termination of Agreement.**- All agreements, including lease agreements signed between Forest Department and the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Logging and Sawmills Corporation on or before the 31st March, 2018 shall stand terminated, forthwith:

Provided that all trees and timber, in any shape whatsoever, in respect of which any agreement has been signed between Forest Department and the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Logging and Sawmills Corporation, shall vest in the Government:

Provided further that any person in possession or custody or control of any timber or tree, in pursuance of an agreement as aforesaid, shall forthwith handover to the Forest Department.

4. **Bar of Jurisdiction.**- No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government or any other person for anything done in good faith or intended to be done under this Act.

5. **Indemnity.**- No suit, prosecution or criminal proceeding shall lie against the Government or any Forest Officer for anything done or purporting to have been done by him in good faith under this Act.
6. **Savings.**- Subject to the provisions contained in this Act, all rules framed, orders passed, notifications issued, contracts entered into, proceedings commenced, rights acquired, liabilities incurred, penalties imposed, forfeitures made, things done, action taken or rates, fees, or charges levied under any of the provision of the repealed Act, shall be deemed to have been validly made, framed, passed, issued, entered into, commenced, acquired, incurred, done, taken, or levied.

Sd/-
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