

**THE AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE COUNCIL
ORDINANCE, 1970**

(Ordinance VI of 1970)

*(Passed under Government Order No. 2829-2879/SL/70,
Dated the July 18, 1970).*

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the constitution of a State Council elected on the basis of adult franchise ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :-

1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) This Ordinance may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir State Council Ordinance, 1970.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Composition of the State Council:-** As soon as may be after the promulgation of this Ordinance and notwithstanding anything contained in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Act, 1968, there shall be constituted in the manner hereinafter appearing a State Council consisting of:

(1) sixteen members to be elected by the State Subjects residing in the territories now under the administration of the Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(2) four members to be elected from amongst themselves by the refugees from the occupied areas of districts of Muzaffarabad, Anantnag (Islamabad) and Baramula as these existed on 14th day of August, 1947, who are now residing in any of the provinces of the Punjab, Baluchistan, Sind and North-West Frontier Province ;

(3) four members to be elected from amongst themselves by such of the State Subjects from other parts of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, and State Subjects originally residing in territories under the administration of Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, as are now residing in the Provinces referred to in clause (2) ;

(4) one woman member to be elected by the twenty-four elected members of the State Council ; but this clause shall not be construed as making a woman ineligible for election to any other seat in the State Council.
