

**THE AZAD GOVT. OF THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,
LAW & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,
MUZAFFARABAD.**

Dated the 9th September, 1979.

No.4254/SL/79. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 8th day of September, 1979, is hereby published for general information:

(ORDINANCE CXIX OF 1979)

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further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government ordinance, 1979

WHEAREAS it is expedient to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance LXXXVI of 1979) in the manner hereinafter appearing ;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (I) of Section 41 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) This Ordinance may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government (Amendment) Ordinance, 1979.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new Sections 19-A and 19-B, Ordinance LXXXVI of 1979.-** In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance LXXXVI of 1979), after Section 19, the following new Sections 19-A and 19-B shall be added and shall be deemed always to have been so added, namely:-

“19-A. (1) No person shall contest any election to any Local Council on the basis of any direct or indirect affiliation to a political party, organization or body or institution.

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(2) No person can present himself as a candidate or nominee of any political party or receive any financial assistance or use any document, sign, insignia, or flag indicating association with any political Party.

(3) No candidate shall seek votes on political party basis or on the basis of any political party's manifesto.

(4) A candidate is prohibited from seeking votes or support by attributing direct or indirect party affiliation to any of their opponents.

19-B. **Contravention:-** Any contravention of the provisions contained in Section 19-A shall make a candidate liable to be disqualified from contesting elections for a period of four years and if elected he can also be removed for similar reason and debarred from election for the same period.

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Sd-(Khalil Ahmed Qureshi)
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