

THE AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,  
LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT

MUZAFFARABAD,  
the 14th May, 1972.

No. 1176/SL/72. The following Ordinance approved by the Legislative Assembly, Azad Jammu and Kashmir under Section 24 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Act, 1970, at its meeting held on 26th of April, 1972, is hereby published for general information:-

**NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT)  
ORDINANCE, 1972**

**(ORDINANCE IV OF 1972)**

An Ordinance to amend the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) (as in force in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory) in the manner hereinafter appearing;

And whereas the Legislative Assembly is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist and the emergency has arisen which renders immediate legislation necessary;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 24 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Act, 1970 and all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) This Ordinance may be called the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Ordinance, 1972.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 25 (Act XXVI of 1881):-** In section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, for the Explanation, the following Explanation shall be substituted:-  
**Explanation:-** The expression 'Public holiday' includes Fridays and the days declared by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government by Notification in the Official Gazette, to be public holidays.

Sd/-

(Sardar Mohammad Abdul Qayyum Khan)

President,

Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir