

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

Dated the 9th October, 1979.

No. 4722/SL/79. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 9th day of October, 1979, is hereby published for general information:-

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further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Political Parties Ordinance, 1979

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Political Parties Ordinance, 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 (1) 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 Political Parties (Amendment) Ordinance, 1979.

(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Insertion of new Section 5A, Ordinance CXX of 1979.**- In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Political Parties Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance CXX of 1979), after Section 5, the following new Section shall be inserted, namely :-

"5-A. Certain political parties to be eligible to participate in forthcoming elections.- (1) The provisions of this section shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Section 5.

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(2) The Election Commissioner hereinafter referred as Commissioner shall, by notification in the official Gazette, call upon the political parties which had complied with the provisions of Section 4 but had not applied for registration under Section 5 to furnish to the commissioner within such time as may be specified in the notification answers to a questionnaire published therewith.

(3) Answers to a questionnaire referred to in sub-section (2) shall be furnished on behalf of a political party by such person, and shall be accompanied by such documents besides a copy of its constitution and manifesto a list of the names of its office bearers at the national level and a statement of its total membership in each District as may be specified in the notification published under the said sub-section.

(4) If after giving a political party which has furnished answers to the questionnaire as required by sub-section (2) an opportunity of being heard the Commissioner is satisfied that the party has fulfilled the requirements of sub-section (3) of Section 5, the Commissioner shall declare the political party by notification in the Official Gazette to be eligible to participate in an election to a seat in a Legislative Assembly and to nominate or put up a candidate at any such election."

(Mohammad Hayat Khan)
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Azad Jammu & Kashmir,

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Law Secretary,
Azad Jammu & Kashmir.