

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

Dated the 29, March, 1978.

No. 1096/SL/78. The following Ordinance made by the President on 29th day of March, 1978, is hereby published for general information:-

(ORDINANCE XV OF 1978)

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to provide for law relating to cancellation of irregular and unauthorised allotments and matters connected therewith

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for law relating to cancellation of irregular and unauthorised allotments and matters connected therewith in the manner hereinafter appearing ;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that the 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, extent and commencement.**- (1) This Ordinance may be called the Irregular and Unauthorised Allotments (Cancellation) Ordinance, 1978.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
 - (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Cancellation of allotments.**- (1) Any allotment of Evacuee property, Crown Land (Khalsa-Sarkar) or Common Land (Shamlat Deh/Khalsa Maqbuza Asamian Deh) made between first day of January 1970 and 11th day of August 1977, which is not covered by any regular scheme or which has been obtained by using official position or political influence or by means of fraud or mis-representation of facts in violation or relaxation of law, rule, condition, policy instructions or orders, may, notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in any law for the time being in force, or any order or decree of a Court,

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Tribunal or Authority, be cancelled by an Officer authorised or a Committee appointed by the Government in this behalf, by notification in the official Gazette:

Provided that no order of cancellation shall be passed without giving the allottee a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

Explanation.- The term "allotment" includes any grant, lease, exchange, sale, mutation or any other transaction so declared by the Government.

(2) On cancellation of allotment, the authority in which the land or building, as the case may be, initially vested shall resume the land or building forthwith.

3. All allotments of the plots or open spaces which were reserved for roads, hospitals, schools, colleges, libraries, playgrounds, gardens, parks, community centers, mosques, grave yards or for such other amenity or community purposes but were subsequently unauthorisedly or by political maneuvers converted into residential or commercial plots and on which no construction has been made are hereby cancelled and the plots or open spaces so cancelled shall be resumed by the authority in which the plots or open spaces initially vested and the amounts, if any paid by the allottees, shall be refunded under the normal rules.
4. **Compensation.-** No compensation or claim for improvement other than compensation of any standing crops shall be payable by Government to the outgoing allottee.
5. **Unauthorised cutting of trees:-** Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Officer authorised or Committee appointed under section 2 may enquire into the allegations of unauthorised cutting of trees from private forest and submit report to the Government which may take such action as it deem appropriate.
6. **Review:-** Where the allottee is aggrieved by the decision of the authorised Officer or a Committee, such allottee may submit a petition to the Government or to an Officer authorised by it in this behalf for review within fifteen days of such decision.
7. **Bar of jurisdiction:-** No Court shall have any jurisdiction of any kind in respect of any order, finding or proceeding under the provisions of this Ordinance.

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8. **Indemnity:-** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Ordinance.
9. **Instructions:-** The Government may issue such instructions as it deems necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance and such instructions shall be deemed to form part of this Ordinance and shall have effect accordingly.

(Mohammad Ibrahim Khan)
President,
Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/- (Sardar Aftab Ahmed Khan)
Secretary Law.