

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

Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1980.

No. 1503/LD/80. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1980, is hereby published for general information:-

**(ORDINANCE XLIV OF 1980)**

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ORDINANCE

to provide for the abolition of Court fee in respect of certain cases.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the abolition of Court fee in respect of certain cases;

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, Extent and Commencement.**- (1) This Ordinance may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Court Fees (Abolition) Ordinance, 1980.
  - (2) It extends to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
  - (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Abolition of Court fee in Certain Cases.**- Notwithstanding anything contained in the Court Fees Act, 1870 (VII of 1870) or any other law for the time being in force, or any rules or orders, no Court fee, shall be payable in, or chargeable by, any Court in respect of –
  - (a) any criminal case; and
  - (b) any case of civil nature the value of the subject-matter whereof or relief claimed therein, does not exceed twenty five thousand rupees.
3. **Savings.**- Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or order of any Court including High Court, every thing done, all actions taken, notifications issued, orders or appointments made, proceedings initiated, jurisdiction or powers exercised under the provisions of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Court Fee (Abolition) Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance XXXVI of 1979) or its succeeding Ordinances issued from time to time shall be deemed to have been validly

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done or taken, issued, made, initiated or exercised under this Ordinance.

(Mohammad Hayat Khan)  
President  
Azad Jammu & Kashmir

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S/d-  
(Khalil Ahmed Qureshi)  
Secretary Law