

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

Dated the 13th November, 79.

No. 5322/SL/79. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 12th day of November, 1979, is hereby published for general information:-

(ORDINANCE CLVIII OF 1979)

AN

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, 1979.
 - (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 Fee 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

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(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 Fees (Abolition) Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance XXXVI of 1979) or its succeeding Ordinances issued from time to time shall be deemed to have been validly done, taken, issued, made, initiated or exercised under this Ordinance.

(Mohammad Hayat Khan)
President
Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Sd/- (Khalil Ahmed Qureshi)
Secretary Law.