

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

Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1980.

No. 69/SL/80. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 1980, is hereby published for general information:-

**(ORDINANCE I OF 1980)**

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ORDINANCE

to amend the Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws Code, 1949

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Azad Kashmir Courts and Law Code, 1949, for the purposes 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 Kashmir Courts and Laws Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 1980.
  - (2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 5, Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws Code, 1949.**- In the Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws Code, 1949 in Section 5, in sub-section (1),-
  - (a) for the words, 'two or three other' the words, 'three or more' shall be substituted; and
  - (b) after sub-section (1) the following new sub-section (1-A) shall be inserted and shall be deemed always to have been so inserted, namely:-

“(1-A) At any time when-

    - (a) the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court is vacant; or

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- (b) the Chief Justice of the High Court is absent or is unable to perform the functions of his office due to any other cause;

the President shall appoint the most senior of the other Judges of the High Court to act as Chief Justice.”

(Mohammad Hayat Khan)  
President  
Azad Jammu and Kashmir

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Sd/-  
(Khalil Ahmed Qureshi)  
Secretary Law