

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

Dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1980.

No. 5007/LD/80, The following Ordinance made by the President on 2nd day of September, 1980, is hereby published for general information :-

**(ORDINANCE CXLVIII OF 1980)**

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further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Courts and Laws Code, 1949

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the of Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws 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 (Amendments) 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, hereinafter referred as the said Code, 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:-

"(I-A) At any time when

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

3. **Insertion of Section 26-A, Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws Code, 1949.**- In the said Code , after Section 26, the following new Section shall be inserted, namely:-

"26-A.- General provisions relating to the judicature.- A person who has held office as a permanent Judge –

- (a) of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Board or Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, shall not plead or act in any court or before any authority in Azad Jammu and Kashmir ; and
- (b) of the High Court, shall not plead or act in any court or before any authority within its jurisdiction."

(Mohammad Hay at Khan)  
President,  
Azad Jammu & Kashmir.  
Sd/- (Khalil Ahmed Qureshi)  
Secretary Law.