

**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,
MUZAFFARABAD**

Dated the 19th January, 1991.

No. 041/86/LD/91. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 16th day of January, 1991, is hereby published for general information:-

(ORDINANCE VI OF 1991)

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ORDINANCE

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

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws Code, 1949 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is not in session and 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 Jammu and Kashmir Courts and Laws Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Substitution of Sub-section (1), Section 5 of the Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws Code, 1949.**- In the Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws code, 1949 in Section 5, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The High Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and three other Judges:

Provided that at any time when for any reason it is necessary to increase the number of Judges, President may appoint a person qualified for appointment as a Judge of the High Court, to be an Additional Judge for such period as the President may determine and, on the appointment of Additional Judge or Judges under this Section or under Sub-Section (6) of Section 43 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974,

the number of Judges shall stand increased accordingly for the relevant period.”

3. **Addition of Section 6-A, Azad Kashmir Courts and Code, 1949.**- In the Azad Kashmir Courts and Laws Code 1949, after Section 6, the following new Section 6-A shall be inserted namely:-

"6-A. **Seat of the High Court.** (1) The principal seat of the High Court shall be at Muzaffarabad.

(2) The President may establish one or more Permanent Branches and Circuit Benches of the High Court at such place or places as he may deem expedient.

(3) A Bench referred to in Sub-Section (2) of this Section shall consist of such of the Judges of the High Court as may be nominated by the Chief Justice from time to time.”

Sd/-

(Shahibzada Ishaq Zafar)

President

Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Sd/-

(Syed Shakir Shah)

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Muzaffarabad.