

**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
LAW AND PARLTAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
MUZAFFARABAD**

Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1985.

No.1305/LD/85. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1985, is hereby published for general information:-

**(ORDINANCE XXIII OF 1985)**

**AN**

**ORDINANCE**

to amend the National Registration Act, 1975.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the National Registration Act, 1975 (VI of 1975), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREASE 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 National Registration Act, (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985.  
(1) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 2, Act VI of 1975.**- In the National Registration Act, 1975 (VI of 1975) hereinafter referred to as the said Act in Section 2, in clause (d), for the words "Deputy Registrar-General or a District Registrar or Registrar" the words "Joint Registrar-General or Deputy Registrar-General or /Assistant Registrar-General or District Registrar-General or Registrar or Inspector" shall be substituted.
3. **Amendment of Section 3, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act, in Section 3,-
  - (a) in sub-section (1), for clauses (b) and (c) the following shall be substituted, namely:-  
“(b) a Joint Registrar-General and as many Deputy Registrar-General, Assistant Registrar-General District Registrars, Registrars and Inspectors as it may consider necessary”; and
  - (b) for sub-section (2) the following shall be substituted namely:-  
“(2) The Joint Registrar-General and every Deputy Registrar-General, Assistant Registrar-General, District Registrar, Registrar and Inspector shall exercise his powers and perform his functions under this Act and Rules:-

- (a) Within such area as the Registrar-General, subject to the general supervision and control of the Government, may direct; and
  - (b) under the general supervision and control of, and in accordance with such instructions as may be given in this behalf by, the Registrar-General.”
- 4. **Amendment of Section 4, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act, in Section 4:-
  - (a) for sub-section (2) the following shall be substituted, namely:-
    - “(2) An application for registration shall be made in such form and to such authority as may be prescribed.” and
  - (b) after sub-section (2) substituted as aforesaid, the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-
    - “(3) An application for registration in respect of newly born citizen shall be made within sixty days of such birth.”
- 5. **Amendment of Section 7, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act, in Section 5, in sub-section (1), for the words and figure “containing the particulars set out in Schedule II to this Act” the words “in the prescribed form” shall be substituted.
- 6. **Amendment of Section 7, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act in Section 7, after sub-section (1), the following new sub-section shall be inserted namely:-
  - “(1-A) When a citizen who has not attained the age of eighteen years dies, a parent or the guardian of such citizen shall report the death to the District Registrar within sixty days of such death.”
- 7. **Amendment of Section 11, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act in Section 11, the existing provisions shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of the said Section and in clause (k), for the words and commas “with fine not exceeding fifty rupees, or in default of payment of fine, with simple imprisonment for a period not exceeding fifteen days” the words and commas “with rigorous imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, or with fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or with both” shall be substituted.
  - (b) In Section 11, as amended aforesaid the following sub-section shall be added, namely:-
    - “(2) any person who attests verifies any statement information made or furnished for the purpose of

this Act which he knows or has reason to believe to be false in any material particular or which he does not believe to be true shall be punishable with fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or with simple imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or with both.”

8. **Insertion of new Section 17-A, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act, after Section 17, the following new Section shall be inserted, namely:-  
“**17A. Power to exempt.**- The Registrar-General or an officer authorised by him in this behalf may, by order, in special circumstances to be recorded in writing, exempt any person or class of persons from the requirement of possessing or producing an identity card for any purpose for which it is required by or under this Act to be possessed or produced.”
9. **Omission of Schedule I and II, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act, Schedule I and Schedule II shall be omitted.
10. **Insertion of new Section 18-A, Act VI of 1975.**- In the said Act, after Section 18, the following new Section shall be inserted and shall be deemed always to have been so inserted, namely:-  
“**18-A.** The Directorate General of Registration, Government of Pakistan under the said Act, shall, in respect of issue of identity cards and registration of persons, have and exercise in the territory of Azad Jammu and Kashmir the same jurisdiction and powers as they do in Pakistan.
11. **General amendment Act VI of 1875.**- In the National Registration Act, 1975 (VI of 1975) hereinafter referred to as the said Act, for the expression “Registrar-General”, “Deputy Registrar General” and “Assistant Registrar General” “Director,” “Deputy Director” and “Assistant Director” shall respectively, be substituted.
12. **Savings.**- Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or orders of any Court including High Court, everything done, all actions taken, notifications issued, orders or appointments made, proceedings initiated, jurisdiction or powers exercised under the provisions of the National Registration Act (Amendment) Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance CXXVII of 1979) or its succeeding Ordinance issued from time to time shall be deemed to have been validly done, taken, issued, made, initiated or exercised under this Ordinance.

(Major General (R) Abdul Rehman Khan)  
President,  
Azad Jammu & Kashmir.