

**THE AZAD KASHMIR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS UPON
CONVERSION TO ISLAM ACT, 1951.**

The Supreme Head of the Azad Kashmir Movement signified his assent on October 5, 1951 to the Azad Kashmir Removal of Restrictions upon conversion to Islam Act V of 1951 (annexed hereto) passed by the Azad Kashmir Council of Ministers on 10th September, 1951.

The Act shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

ACT V OF 1951

Whereas it is expedient to remove the restrictions imposed by the Dogra Government in the Jammu and Kashmir State upon conversion to Islam, it is hereby enacted as follows :-

1. (i) This Act may be called the Azad Kashmir Removal of Restrictions upon Conversion to Islam Act of 1951.
(ii) It shall apply throughout the Azad Kashmir Territory and shall come into force at once.
2. The law of Inheritance pertaining to Apostate enacted by the Dogra Government of Jammu and Kashmir State under Council Resolution No. 6 dated 31st December, 1892 and published in the form of Circular No. 107 is hereby repealed.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Law of Inheritance Pertaining to Apostate or any other law for the time being in force a person who was deprived of his property or his right of inheritance to property in consequence of his having embraced Islam or any one claiming through such a person shall be deemed to have been entitled to such property or to such right.
4. Nothing contained in Section 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure or any other law for the time being in force shall affect the rights of a person entitled to any property or to any such right in pursuance of Section 3 of this Act, if such right or claim was denied before the coming into force of this Act.
5. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that a landowner was deprived of his land or of his right to inherit such land in consequence of his having embraced Islam in the old Regime before 24th October, 1947 under the orders of any authority or under the decree of any Court or otherwise he may direct that the land be mutated in the name of such person or any one claiming through him.