

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

Dated the 23rd October, 1985.

No. LD/Leg (A)/2165-67/85, The following Act approved by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly at its meeting held on 5th October, 1985 and assented by the President on 21st October, 1985, is hereby published for general information:-

(ACT VI OF 1985)

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to make provision relating to the execution of the punishment of whipping

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision relating to the execution of the punishment of whipping;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and extent, application and commencement.-**
 - (1) This Act may be called the Execution of the Punishment of Whipping Act, 1985.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
 - (3) It applied to the execution of the punishment of whipping imposed under any law for the time in force.
 - (4) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the 5th day of October, 1985.
2. **Definition.-** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, 'authorised medical officer' means a medical Officer, howsoever designated, authorised by Government.
3. **Act to override other laws.-** The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force.
4. **Specifications of whip.-** The whip, excluding its handle, shall be of one single piece only and preferably be made of either or a cane or a branch of a tree, having no knob or joint on it, and its length and thickness shall not exceed 1.22 meters and 1.25 cm, respectively.

5. **The conditions and mode of execution of punishment of whipping.**- the following provisions shall apply to the execution of the punishment whipping, namely:-

- (a) before the execution of the punishment commences, the convict shall be medically examined by the authorised medical officer so as to ensure that the execution of the punishment will not cause the death of the convict;
- (b) if the convict is too old or too weak, having regard to the sentence of whipping awarded, the number of stripes shall be applied in such manner and with such intervals that the execution of the punishment does not cause his death.
- (c) if the convict is ill, the execution of the punishment shall be postponed until the convict is certified by the authorised medical officer to be physically fit to undergo the punishment;
- (d) if the convict is a woman who is Pregnant, the execution of the punishment shall be postponed until the expiration of a period of two months after the birth of the child or miscarriage as the case may be;
- (e) if, at the time of the execution of the punishment, the weather is too cold or too hot, the execution shall be postponed until the weather has become normal;
- (f) the punishment shall be executed in the presence of the authorised medical officer at such public place as the Government may appoint for the purpose;
- (g) the person appointed to execute the punishment shall be impartial and of nature understanding;
- (h) he shall apply the whip with moderate force without raising his hand above his head so as not to lacerate the skin of the convict;
- (i) the stripes shall be spread over the body of the so, however, that the stripes shall not be applied on the head, face, stomach or chest or the delicate parts of the body of the convict;
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- (k) such clothes of the convict shall be left on the body of the convict as are required by the Injunctions of Islam to be put on;
 - (l) the stripes shall be applied, in the case of a male, while he is standing and in the case of a female, while she is sitting; and
 - (m) if, after the execution of the punishment has commenced, the authorised medical officer is of the opinion that there is apprehension of the death of the convict, the execution of the punishment shall be postponed until the authorised medical officer certifies him physically fit to undergo the remainder of the punishment.
6. **Custody of convict pending execution of punishment, etc.-**
(1) In the case of a convict to whom only the punishment of whipping has been awarded, he shall, until the execution of the punishment is completed, be dealt with as if sentenced to simple imprisonment.
(2) If, in the opinion of the authorised medical officer, a convict cannot, because of old age, ill health or for any other reason, undergo the whole or any part of the punishment of whipping, the case shall be referred to the Court which may order the execution of the punishment in such manner as it may deem fit.
7. **Powers to make rules.-** The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.
8. **Savings.-** Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or Order of any court including High Court, every thing done, all actions taken, notifications issued, Orders or appointments made, proceedings initiated, jurisdiction or powers exercised under the provisions of the Execution of the punishment of whipping Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance XXV of 1979) or its succeeding Ordinances issued from time to time shall be deemed to have been validly done, taken, issued, made, initiated or exercised under this Act.
9. **Repeal.-** The Execution of the Punishment of Whipping Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance CXLV of 1985) is hereby repealed.

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Deputy Secretary Law.