

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

Dated: 13.09.2017

No.LD/Legis-Act/659-72/2017. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, is hereby published for general information.

**[Act XXXVIII of 2017]**

**An**

**Act**

to provide for State Judicial (Policy Making) Committee

**Whereas** it is expedient to provide for State Judicial (Policy Making) Committee for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

- 1. Shot title, Extent and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the State Judicial (Policy Making) Committee Act, 2017.  
(2) It extends to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.  
(3) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Definitions.**- In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context,-
  - (a) "Commission" means the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Law Commission established under the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Law Commission Act, 1994 (Act XXIII of 1994);
  - (b) "Committee" means the State Judicial (Policy Making) Committee established under Section 3;
  - (c) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Committee; and

- (d) “Fund” means the fund established under the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Law Commission Act, 1994.

**3. Establishment of State Judicial (Policy Making)**

**Committee.-** There shall be a State Judicial (Policy Making) Committee headed by Chief Justice of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee, comprising the following members:-

- (i) Senior Most Judge of Supreme Court  
Member
- (ii) Chief Justice of High Court/Shariat Court  
Member
- (iii) Senior Most Judge of High Court                      Member
- (iv) Secretary Law, Justice, Parliamentary              Member  
Affairs and Human Rights

**4. Functions of the Committee.-** The Committee shall co-ordinate and harmonize judicial policy within the court system, and in co-ordination with the Commission, ensure its implementation. The Committee shall also perform the following functions, namely:-

- (a) improving the capacity and performance of the administration of justice;
- (b) setting performance standards for judicial officers and persons associated with performance of judicial and quasi judicial functions;
- (c) improvement in the terms and conditions of service of judicial officers and court staff, to ensure skilled and efficient judiciary; and
- (d) publication of the annual or periodic reports of the Supreme Court, High Court, Shariat Court and courts subordinate to High Court and Administrative Courts and Tribunals.

5. **Finances.-** The Commission shall, from its Fund, provide finances to the Committee for the discharge of its functions under this Act.
6. **Constitution of sub-committee(s).-** The Committee may constitute sub-committee(s) as it deems fit, and may assign it any matter relevant to the functions of the Committee.
7. **Reports.-** The Committee shall publish annual report of its activities and such other periodic or special reports relating to its functioning as it deems fit. The reports shall be submitted to the President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
8. **Secretariat assistance.-** Secretariat assistance to the Committee shall be provided by the Secretariat of the Commission and Secretary of the Commission shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.
9. **Power to make rules.-** The Committee may make rules of procedure for conduct of its business and discharge of its functions.
10. **Repeal.-** The State Judicial (Policy Making) Committee Ordinance, 2017 (Ordinance XVIII of 2017) is hereby repealed.

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