

AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department

"MUZAFFARABAD"

Dated: 15.08.2024

No. LD/Legis./Ord./126-39/2024. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 14th day of August, 2024, is hereby published for general information.

[Ordinance VII of 2024]

An

Ordinance

further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Zakat and Ushr Act, 1985

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Zakat and Ushr Act, 1985 (Act XIX of 1985), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

And Whereas, the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly is not in session and the President Azad Jammu and Kashmir is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

Now Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-Article (1) of Article 41 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution, 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 Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 9, Act XIX of 1985.**- In the Zakat and Ushr Act, 1985 (Act XIX of 1985), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 9,-
 - (i) in the first proviso to clause (b), the words "and members" shall be omitted;
 - (ii) the existing second proviso shall be re-organized as third proviso and a new second proviso shall be added as under:-

"Provided further that all members of Zakat Council, Districts/Constituency Zakat and Ushr Committees shall work on honorary basis and shall not claim any honorarium, pay, allowances or discretionary funds etc."

3. **Addition of Section 9-A, Act XIX of 1985.-** In the said Act, after Section 9, a new Section 9-A shall be added as under:-

"9-A. **Approval of Budget.-** The Zakat and Ushr Council, constituted under Section 13, shall pass Zakat budget for each financial year subject to following conditions:-

- (i) No fund shall be placed at the discretion of any authority, officer or forum;
- (ii) All budgeting proposals shall be placed before the Zakat Council through Secretary Zakat and Ushr."

4. **Amendment of Section 13, Act XIX of 1985.-** In the said Act, the sub-section (8) of Section 13 shall be substituted as under:-

"(8) The President may, in consultation with the Chairman, remove any or all Members of the Council as he may deem fit."

5. **Amendment of Section 15, Act XIX of 1985.-** In the said Act, the sub-section (9) of Section 15 shall be substituted as under:-

"(9) The Government may remove any or all non-official Members or Chairman of the District Committees as it deem fit."

6. **Amendment of Section 16, Act XIX of 1985.-** In the said Act, the sub-section (10) of Section 16 shall be substituted as under:-

"(10) The Chief Administrator may remove any or all non-official Members or Chairman of the constituency Committees as he deem fit."

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President

Azad Jammu and Kashmir


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