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“MUZAFFARABAD”

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No. LD/Legis.-Act/166-79/2024. The following Act, passed by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 and received the assent of the President on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, is hereby published for general information.

**[Act VI of 2024]**

**An**

**Act**

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;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Act, 2024.

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(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, including its Chairman, 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 deems fit.”
7. **Repeal.-** The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance VII of 2024) is hereby repealed.

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