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"MUZAFFARABAD"  
Dated: 23.09.2024

No. LD/Legis.-Act/180-193/2024. 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 VII of 2024]**

**An**

**Act**

further to amend the Azad Penal Code, 1860

**Whereas**, it is expedient further to amend the Azad Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Azad Penal Code (First Amendment) Act, 2024.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 505, Act XLV of 1860.-** In the Azad Penal Code 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), as adapted and in force in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, at the end of sub-section (2) of Section 505, the existing Explanation clause shall be renumbered as Explanation-I and thereafter following new Explanation-II shall be added:-

**“Explanation-II:** The community shall also include Government, Government Institutions, Government Officials and Public at Large.”

3. **Repeal.-** The Azad Penal Code (First Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance VIII of 2024) is hereby repealed.

**Sd/- (Gulfraz Ahmed Kha)**  
Section Officer (Legislation)

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