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No. LD/Legis.-Act/279-92/2025. The following Act, passed by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on 6th day of February, 2025 and received the assent of the President on the 11th day of February, 2025, is hereby published for general information.

[Act I of 2025]

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Act

Further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Mangla Dam Housing Authority Act, 2009

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to ensure resettlement of extended families of Affectees of Mangla Dam Raising Project, preservation of master plan and to assign certain municipal functions to the Authority;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Mangla Dam Housing Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025.
(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Addition of Section 7, Act I of 2009.**-(1) In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Mangla Dam Housing Authority Act, 2009 (Act I of 2009), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, after Section 7, following new Sections 7-A, 7-B, 7-C and 7-D shall be added:-

“7-A. Resettlement of Extended Families.- The Authority after prior approval of the Government, may develop additional settlements adjoining to or in the vicinity of New City or New Towns, for resettlement of extended families and shall prepare schemes and master plan for this purpose:

Provided that Board of Revenue and Central Design Office shall authenticate the master plan of additional settlement which shall be preserved in the manner as may be Prescribed.

7-B. Municipal functions of the Authority.- Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Authority may perform such functions and exercise such powers which vests with a municipal authority under the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Local Government Act, 1990.

7-C. Preparation and preservation of master plan.-
(1) Master plan of any of new township established for resettlement of Affectees of the Project or Extended Families of such Affectees, shall be authenticated by the Commissioner of Mangla Dam Affairs or any other authority as may be Prescribed, within three months from commencement of this Act. Authenticated master plan shall be published by the Authority for general information of the public and entities

concerned thereto and shall be preserved in the manner as may be Prescribed.

(2) The Authority shall display master plan of each township at conspicuous place in such manners that such master plan is conveniently accessible for everyone which shall be maintained on regular basis to keep its features intact and legible.

(3) No change or amendment shall be made in the aforesaid master plan without recommendation of the committee constituted under the succeeding sub-section and without approval of the Government and no such change or amendment shall be incorporated into the master plan unless it is notified and published in the official gazette of the Government.

(4) A change or amendment in the master plan, if inevitable, shall be proposed by the Authority and considered and reported to the Government by the committee of officers comprising,-

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| (i) | Chief Secretary, | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senior Member, Board of Revenue | Member |
| (iii) | Secretary, Physical Planning and Housing Department | Member |
| (iv) | Director General Mangla Dam Housing Authority | Member |
| (v) | Director, Estate Management, MDHA | Secretary |

7-D. Penalty for unauthorized alteration in the master plans.- Whoever amends or alters any master plan prepared and authenticated under the provisions of foregoing Sections 7-A and 7-C

without following legal course as aforesaid, shall be punished with simple imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine up to three hundred thousand rupees or with both."

3. **Amendment in Section 22, Act I of 2009.-** In the said Act, Section 22, shall be substituted as under:-

"22. Employment of Officers and Servants etc.-The Authority may, from time to time, employ such officers, servants, experts or consultants as it may consider necessary for the performance of its functions on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed."

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