

THE AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR BASIC DEMOCRACIES  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1967

(Act I of 1967)

(Passed under Government Order No. 384-424|Council|67, dated  
Muzaffarabad the February 11, 1967)

WHEREAS it is necessary further to amend the Azad Jammu  
and Kashmir Basic Democracies Act, 1960 (Act X of 1960), 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 Basic Democracies (Amendment)  
Act; 1967.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 4-A, Act X of 1960:- In the Azad  
Jammu and Kashmir Basic Democracies Act, 1960 (Act X of  
1960), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, for section 4-A the  
following shall be substituted, namely :

"4-A. Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in the  
Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, as in force in the Azad Jammu  
and Kashmir territory or any other law for the time being in  
force, the Town Committee for the towns of Muzaffarabad  
and New Mirpur Town shall be treated as Municipal  
Committees and shall be constituted on the following lines:

(i) the existing wards of the Muzaffarabad Municipal  
Committee shall continue to be wards under this Act;

(ii) the elected members from each ward or the  
Muzaffarabad Municipal Committee shall be the elected  
members of the said Municipal Committee ;

(iii) the Election Commissioner shall declare, by notification,  
the limits of the New Mirpur Town and shall also fix,  
with the approval of the Government, the number of  
elected members of the New Mirpur Town Municipal  
Committee;

(iv) the Collector of each District shall be the ex-officio Chairman of each Municipal Committee and each District Council;

(v) the Vice-President of each Municipal Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the District Council. "

3. Amendment of Second Schedule Act X of 1960:- In the said Act, in the second Schedule, in Part I, in Paragraph 1, for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following further proviso shall be added, namely:

"Provided further that the restriction of continuous residence for not less than six months within a Town or a Union shall not apply to persons who are dislocated or are liable to be dislocated due to the construction of Mangla Dam in the Mirpur District and such persons shall, if otherwise qualified, be entitled to get themselves enrolled as electors in any union or town in any district of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory and they shall be enrolled as such".