

THE AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR BORDER TRADE
PROHIBITION ORDER, 1957

(Passed under Council Order No. 108/57 Dated 10-3-1957)

Whereas the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government is satisfied that it is necessary to prohibit illicit trade across the border along the Cease-fire -line between the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory and the rest of the Jammu and Kashmir State and to restrict the movement of any commodity along the said border ;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 3 of the Azad Kashmir Civil Defence Act, 1951, the Government is pleased to order as follows :-

1. (i) This Order shall be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Border Trade Prohibition Order, 1957.

(ii) It shall extend to the whole of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory and shall come into force at once.

2. In this Order, unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context, the expression 'commodity' shall mean any commodity, including silver, gold, currency notes, cloth, livestock and other animals.

3. (i) No person shall engage in trade of any kind across the border along the Cease-fire-line between the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory and the rest of the Jammu and Kashmir State.

(ii) No person shall import or export, attempt to import or to export or abet the importing or exporting of any commodity across the border along the cease-fire-line between the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory and the rest of the Jammu and Kashmir State.

(iii) No person shall keep in possession or in any way concern himself in carrying, removing, depositing, concealing or in any other manner dealing with any commodity knowing it to have been imported into or attempted to be exported from the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory across the border along the cease-fire-line between the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory, and the rest of the Jammu and Kashmir State, without lawful authority, excuse or permission.

4. (i) Any such commodity as has been brought into the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory across the border along the Cease-fire-line between the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory and the rest of the Jammu and Kashmir State shall be liable to confiscation.

(ii) The District Magistrate may, from time to time, by a general or special Order, take or cause to be taken such steps and use or cause to be used such force as may, in his opinion, be reasonably necessary for the effective exercise of the power of confiscation of such commodity and its forfeiture to the Government.

5. No prosecution shall be instituted in any Court for contravention of this order or of any direction issued under the Order without the previous permission of the District Magistrate.

6. The Government may from time to time issue such general or special instructions as may be necessary to give effect to the purpose of this order.