

THE AZAD KASHMIR CRIMINAL LAW
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1958

(Passed under Council Order No. 337/58 Dated 18-8-1958.

Whereas it is necessary to provide for the trial of certain cases or

classes of cases in camera, it is hereby enacted as follows :-

1.

(i) This Act may be called the Azad Kashmir Criminal Law
(Amendment) Act, 1958.

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

Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in the
Criminal Procedure Code, 1898, or in any law for the time being
in force, the Government may, by order, direct that any
particular case or class of cases involving or affecting the
security of Azad Kashmir or any part thereof, shall be tried by
any Court in camera and that the proceedings in such cases shall
not be open to the public in any Court at any stage whether
original or appellate or in revisional or other proceedings.

Every person who being in possession of any document or
information concerning the proceedings in such cases before any
court by virtue of participation therein, whether as a witness, or
as an officer of the Court, or otherwise, howsoever discloses
such a document or information to any person other than a
person who is officially connected with the preparation or
conduct of the said case or cases, shall be deemed to be guilty of
an offence under the State Official Secrets Act, 1977 (Bikrami),
as in force in the Azad Kashmir Territory.

EXCEPTION: The provisions of this Section shall not apply to
any communication between any accused person and his
counsel, which is made bona fide for the purposes of the defence
of such an accused person in the case.