

AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
LAW, JUSTICE, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEPARTMENT MUZAFFARABAD

Dated: 10th January, 2020.

No. LD/Legis-Act/82-95/2020. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2020, is hereby published for general information.

(ACT VII OF 2020)

An  
Act  
further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) for the purposes here-in-after appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and Commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2019.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Addition of Section 156-A, Act V\_of 1898.- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), after Section 156 a new Section 156-A shall be added as under:-

"156-A. Investigation of Offences under Sections 295-A, 295-B and\_295-C\_of Azad Penal Code.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Code, on receiving a complaint under Sections 295-A, 295-B or 295-C of the Azad Penal Code, a Committee comprising of the Deputy Inspector General Police of the concerned region and District Mufti of the concerned district shall conduct a fact finding preliminary inquiry into the matter and at conclusion, if it is established that such offences have prima facie been committed, the Committee shall direct for registration of a First Information Report under Section 154 of the Code, and no Police Officer below the rank of a Superintendent of Police shall investigate the offence alleged to have been committed by an accused under Section 295-C of the Azad Penal Code."

Sd/-  
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