

AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department

“Muzaffarabad”

Dated: 28.06.2021

No. LD/Legis-Act/483-98/2021. The following Act, passed by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on 28th day of May, 2021 and received the assent of the President on the 15th day of June, 2021, is hereby published for general information.

[Act XXVI of 2021]

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Act

to amend the West Pakistan Epidemic Diseases Act, 1958

Whereas it is expedient to amend the West Pakistan Epidemic Diseases Act, 1958 (XXXVI of 1958), as adapted and in force in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the West Pakistan Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2021.
(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect from 01.04.2020.
2. **Addition of Section 2-A, Act XXXVI of 1958.**- In the West Pakistan Epidemic Diseases Act, 1958 (XXXVI of 1958), as adapted and in force in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, after Section 2, the following new Section 2-A shall be added:-

“2-A. Power to notify Emergency and authorize departments to recruit Staff.- (1) The Government may declare health emergency during the outbreak of any dangerous epidemic disease for such period as it may deem fit.

(2) During the emergency, in order to provide emergency service, the Government may authorize a department responsible to deal with epidemic, notwithstanding anything contained contrary in any other law for the time being in force, to recruit staff against vacant posts through a short notice or without notice, where the circumstances warrant,

on contract or ad-hoc basis, or fill-up a post by transfer, as the case may be, during the period of emergency:

Provided that only such persons may be considered for recruitment, who fulfill the requisite qualification and criteria prescribed for a post:

Provided further that provisions of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Civil Servants Act, 1976 and rules made thereunder, to the extent of mode of recruitment or transfer under this sub-section shall not be applicable.”

3. **Repeal.**- The West Pakistan Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (Ordinance VII of 2021) is hereby repealed.

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