

AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department

"Muzaffarabad"
Dated: 10.01.2017

No.LD/Legis-Ord/12-21/2017. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 6th day of January 2017, is hereby published for general information.

[Ordinance II of 2017]

**An
Ordinance**

further to amend the Zakat and Ushr Act, 1985

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Zakat and Ushr Act, 1985 (Act XIX of 1985), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

And whereas, the Legislative Assembly of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 41 of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and Commencement**.- (1) This Ordinance may be called the Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 13, Act XIX of 1985**.- In the Zakat and Ushr Act, 1985 (Act XIX of 1985), in Section 13, following amendments shall be made:-
 - (i) In sub-section (2), clause (a) shall be substituted as under:
“(a) Chairman, who shall be appointed by the President;”
 - (ii) sub-section (3), shall be substituted as under:
“(3) No person shall be appointed as Chairman of the Council unless he -
 - (i) is a Muslim of good reputation;
 - (ii) has attained the age of forty years; and
 - (iii) has at least bachelor degree, preferably law graduate or equivalent qualification from any recognized university or registered religious institution.”
3. **Repeal**.- The Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (Ordinance X of 2016) is hereby repealed.

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