

**THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (APPLICATION TO AZAD
JAMMU AND KASHMIR) ACT, 1967**

(Act III of 1967)

*(Passed under Government Order No. 659-90\Council 67,
dated 30th August, 1967)*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to facilitate the formation and working of co-operative societies for the promotion of thrift, self-help and mutual aid among agriculturists and other persons with common economic needs so as to bring about better living and better methods of production and for that purpose to consolidate and amend the law relating to co-operative societies in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory and to apply the Co-operative Societies Act, 1925 (Act VII of 1925) as in force in West Pakistan, to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory ;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement:-** (1) This Act may be called the Co-operative Societies (Application to Azad Jammu and Kashmir) Act, 1967.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Definition:-** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context the expression 'Government' means the Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
3. **Application of the Act:-** The Co-operative Societies Act, 1925 (Act VII of 1925) hereinafter referred to as the said Act, shall apply to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory as it applies to West Pakistan subject to the following modifications, namely:

(1) for the words 'Provincial Government' wherever occurring the word "Government" shall be substituted ;

(2) for the expressions 'Province' and 'Province of West Pakistan' wherever occurring the expression 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory' shall be substituted ;

(3) Section 69 of the said Act shall be deleted.

4. **Repeals and savings:-** (1) The Co-operative Societies Act, 1912 as in force in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir is hereby repealed.

(2) Every society now existing which has been registered under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1912 or under any other law relating to co-operative societies in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, shall be deemed to be registered under this Act and its bye-laws shall, so far as the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue in force unless altered, amended or rescinded.

5. **Application of the Rules:-** The Rules made under the Co-operative Societies Act, 1925 (Act VII of 1925), as they are in force in the West Pakistan, shall, so far as applicable and with necessary adaptations, apply to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory until altered, amended or repealed under the said Act as in force in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory.

6. **Removal of difficulties:-** Where any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act the Government may make such orders or give such directions as may be deemed necessary in this behalf.
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