

SUPREME COURT OF AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR

NOTIFICATION

In order to deal with difficulties faced by litigants who are hampered in filing suits, applications, petitions and appeals, etc before various legal forums provided by laws, on account of partial/complete Lockdown imposed by the Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Federal/Provincial Governments by reason of spread of pandemic Coronavirus (COVID-19) in different parts of the country:

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir including Branch Registries are functioning in Mirpur and Rawalakot while observing various safety protocols;

AND WHEREAS, on account of restrictions on movement and non availability/scarcity of means of transportation, it is difficult for litigants to file suits, applications, petitions and appeals, etc. for reasons beyond their control.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate filing of suits, applications, petitions and appeals, etc. before the forums provided by various laws.

NOW THEREFORE, in the light of lockdown order issued by the Govt. and in exercise of powers available under Order XLIII Rules 1, 3, 5 and 6 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Supreme Court Rules, 1978, it is hereby notified as follows:

- i) For the purposes of Section 4 of the Limitation Act, 1908 ("the Act"), for the purpose of calculation of period of limitation, provided under the Act any other law or the AJ&K Supreme Court Rules, 1978, the Institution Branch of this Court, at the Principal seat and the Branch Registries, shall be deemed to be closed from 23.03.2020 till 13.04.2020 (unless withdrawn earlier,) for those litigants who are unable to approach this Court on account of the Lockdown imposed by the AJ&K Govt.
- ii) Notwithstanding the above, there shall be no bar on filing of applications, petitions and appeals, etc, within the statutory period of limitation.

2. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

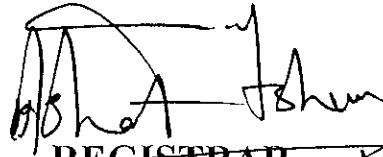
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1. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Justice Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad for information.
2. PS to Hon'ble Judge Supreme Court of Azad Jammu & Kashmir for information.
3. The Secretary, Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department, Azad Govt. of the State of Jammu & Kashmir for information.
4. The Secretary, Information and Technology, Azad Govt. of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad for information.
5. The Registrar High Court of AJ&K Muzaffarabad for information.
6. The Additional Registrar, Supreme Court Registry Office, Mirpur for information and necessary action.
7. Advocate-General of Azad Jammu & Kashmir for information.
8. The Director General information, Azad Govt. of the State of Jammu & Kashmir for publication of daily newspaper.
9. The Controller Government Printing Press Muzaffarabad for publication in the extra ordinary gazette.
10. The Assistant Registrar Supreme Court Branch Registry Rawalakot for information.
11. The Deputy Registrar High Court Circuit Mirpur/Rawalakot for information.
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13. The President Bar Associations Muzaffarabad/Mirpur/Rawalakot for information.
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