

AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
SERVICES & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
(Regulations)
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"Muzaffarabad"
Dated: June 24, 2023

NOTIFICATION:

No. S&GAD/A-4(97)2016 P-IV. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 23 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Civil Servants Act, 1976, the Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir is pleased to make the following amendments in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1981, namely:-

In the aforesaid Rules,-

- (1) In Rule 3, in sub-rule (1), after clause (c), following new clause (d) shall be added,-
“(d) “Social Media” includes Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram, Microblogging and other like form of platforms.”
- (2) After Rule 33, following new Rule 33-A shall be added,-
“33-A Use of Social Media.- (.) No Government Servant shall use Social Media to-
 - (i) indulge in unauthorized disclosure of any official information or sharing of the official documents that come across during the course of performing their duties, via social media, as prohibited under Rule 21;
 - (ii) compromise his/her impartiality and objectivity in performance of official duties, and shall not take part in any discussion on social media or exchange or forward information or messages that express their opinion on political issues;
 - (iii) participate in furtherance of any information especially pertaining to government matters that, prima facie, appears to be un-authentic and misleading; and
 - (iv) make any derogatory remarks aimed at any individual or group or sect or faith, and shall uphold values guiding the civil service at all times, and shall observe discretion and moderation in use of the social media and uphold high standards of propriety.
- (2) The prohibitions as applicable to Government Servants while speaking at public fora or publishing articles in print media, shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the use of Social Media as well.
- (3) Any violation of sub-rule (1) shall be considered as misconduct and invite disciplinary action against the delinquent Government Servant under the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Civil Servants (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules, 1977 and/or under any other disciplinary law for the time being in force.”

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24/06/2023
Deputy Secretary S&GAD