



Government of Jammu & Kashmir

FIRE FORCE ACT, 1967

(Directorate of J & K Fire Services)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
CIVIL SECRETARIAT—LAW DEPARTMENT.

Srinagar, the 17th October, 1967.

The following Act as passed by the Jammu and Kashmir State Legislature received the assent of the Governor on 15th October, 1967 and is hereby published for general information :—

ACT NO. XXII OF 1967

[15th October, 1967.]

**AN
ACT**

**to provide for the maintenance of a Fire Force for
the State.**

Be it enacted by the Jammu and Kashmir State Legislature in the Eighteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

CHAPTER I

Preliminary

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Jammu and Kashmir Fire Force Act, 1967.

(2) It extends to the whole State.

(3) It shall come into force in any area on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Government Gazette, appoint, and different dates may be appointed for different areas and for different provisions of this Act.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Director” means the Director of the Fire Force appointed under section 4 ;

(b) “fire-fighting property” includes—

(i) lands and buildings used as fire-stations,
 (ii) fire engines, equipments, tools, implements and things whatsoever used for fire-fighting,

(iii) motor vehicles and other means of transport used in connection with fire fighting, and

(iv) uniforms and badges of rank;

(c) “fire-station” means any post or place declared, generally or specially, by the Government to be a Fire Station;

(d) “force” means the Jammu and Kashmir State Fire Force maintained under this Act ;

(e) “officer-in-charge of a fire station” includes when the officer-in-charge of the fire-station is absent from the station or unable from illness or other cause to perform his duties, the fire officer present at the station who is next in rank to such officer;

(f) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

CHAPTER II

3. **Maintenance of fire force.**—There shall be maintained by the Government a fire force to be called the Jammu and Kashmir State Fire Force for services in the local areas in which this Act is in force.

4. **Appointment of Director of Fire Force.**—The Government may appoint a person to be the Director of the Fire Force.

5. **Superintendence and control of the Force.**—(1) The Superintendence and control of the force shall vest in the Director and shall be carried on by him in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of any rules made thereunder.

(2) The Government may appoint such officers as it may deem fit to assist the Director in the discharge of his duties.

6. **Appointment of members of the Force.**—The Director or such other officer of the force as the Government may authorise in this behalf shall appoint members of the force in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

7. **Issue of certificates to members of Force.**—(1) Every person shall, on appointment to the force receive a certificate in the prescribed form under the seal of the Director or an officer authorised in this behalf by the Government; and thereupon such person shall have the powers, functions and privileges of a member of the force under this Act.

(2) The certificate referred to in sub-section (1) shall cease to have effect when a person named therein ceases for any reason to be a member of the force; and on his ceasing to be such member, he shall forthwith surrender the certificate to any officer empowered to receive the same.

(3) During any term of suspension, the powers, functions and privileges vested in any member of the force shall be in abeyance, but such member shall continue to be subject to the same discipline and penalties as he would have been if he had not been suspended.

8. **Auxiliary Fire Force.**—Whenever it appears to the Government that it is necessary to augment the force, it may raise an auxiliary force by enrolment of volunteers for such areas and on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit.

CHAPTER III

Powers of the Government, the Director and Members of the Force

9. **Power of Government to make orders.**—The Government may from time to time make such general or special orders as it thinks fit—

(a) for providing the force with such appliance and equipments as it deems proper ;

(b) for providing adequate supply of water and for securing that it shall be available for use ;

(c) for constructing or providing stations or hiring places, for accommodating the members of the force and its fire-fighting appliances ;

(d) for giving rewards to persons who have given timely notice of fires and to those who have rendered effective service to the force on the occasion of fires ;

(e) for the training, discipline and good conduct of the members of the force ;

(f) for the speedy attendance of members of the force with necessary appliances and equipment on the occasion of any alarm of fire ;

(g) for sending members of the force with appliances and equipment beyond the limits of any area in which this Act is in force for purposes of fire-fighting in the neighbourhood of such limits ;

(h) for the employment of the members of the force in any rescue, salvage or other similar work ;

(i) for regulating and controlling the powers, duties and functions of the Director ; and

