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**PART I**

**Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations**

**GILGIT-BALTISTAN ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

*Gilgit, the 14th June, 2022*

**The Gilgit-Baltistan Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2021**

(ACT NO. I OF 2022)

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ACT

*further to amend the Gilgit-Baltistan Local Government Act, 2014.*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Gilgit-Baltistan Local Government Act, 2014 (Gilgit-Baltistan Act No. III of 2014) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Gilgit-Baltistan Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(927)

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[8430(2022)/Ex. Gaz.].

2. **Amendment of Chapter-V, Section 68, of Act No. III of 2014.**—In the said Act, in section 68, after clause (3), the following shall be inserted, namely:

“(4)The LG&RD Department shall ensure participatory development planning and co-ordinate with the beneficiary village communities for identification, execution and maintenance of development schemes under the Annual Rural Development Program (ARDP) up to the cost of PKR 3.000 Million with community share by providing free land and engaging local labor and material. Such schemes shall be executed through beneficiary communities in the prescribed manner with mandatory community share and without involving open bidding.”

(5) **Annual Rural Development Planning.**— (i) The Annual Rural Development Program (ARDP) in Local Councils shall be prepared by the Deputy Director LG&RD Department in the district in consultation/ (identify) with the respective elected representatives on the prescribed manner and format (PD-I) with the following as essential information:

- ii. **Name & Location:** Name of the project and location including village and Union Council must be clearly indicated along-with relevant details to signify the exact locality.
- iii. **Cost:** Cost estimates should be indicated with source of financing including community share @ 20% and allocation in the current year budget. The narration should touch on the basis of market survey, schedule rates, estimation of previous work done and duly sanctioned by the competent authority.
- iv. **Objectives:** Objectives of the scheme must be clearly defined indicating the targets. Such objectives shall be in conformity with the scope of the rural development sector.
- v. **Description and Justification:** This section should describe the project in terms of existing facilities and justification for the project. This section should also include technical parameters, details of civil works and other physical facilities required for the project, highlights of issues relevant to the project and strategy to resolve them.
- vi. **Operating and Maintenance:** This section should indicate operational mechanism after completion of the project and responsibility which shall ordinarily be of the beneficiary community.

- vii. **Project Benefits and Cost Analysis:** This section should give a brief narration of the tangible benefits associated with the project and describe social benefits to the target group.
- viii. **Environmental Impact:** This section should give a fair assessment of the positive and negative impacts of the project on the environment.
- ix. **Implementation Schedule:** This section should indicate the starting and completion date of the project with detailed schedule of physical activities which shall ordinarily be one year except for on-going schemes.
- (6). **Community-Oriented Development Projects:** The Government shall encourage and sponsor Community-Oriented Development Projects of a Local Council in the Rural Area and allocate a certain percentage of Gilgit-Baltistan development budget for the rural development sector in a financial year and also provide for:
- (a) Percentage of such Block Allocation for the Annual Rural Development Sector from Gilgit-Baltistan Annual Development Program (GB ADP).
- (b) Distribution of block allocation between the councils in a rural area.
- (c) The mode of approval/sanctioning of such schemes.
- (d) Community share and contribute (cash or in-kind) towards the cost of such schemes and;
- (e) Such other matters as may be necessary and prescribed.
- (7) “The provisions of this Act shall prevail on the other laws which are enforced in Gilgit-Baltistan for the time being”.

SYED AMJAD ALI ZAIDI,  
*Speaker.*  
*Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly.*

RAJA JALAL HUSSAIN MAQPOON,  
*Governor.*  
*Gilgit-Baltistan.*