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SADAQAT-UL-FITR DURING LOCKDOWN 2020

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr was introduced in the 2nd year of Hijrah along with Fasting. In the Hanafi Madhab it is Wajib (Mandatory) upon the one who possesses the Nisab of Zakat and it is almost Ijmaa'(Consensus). There are two main reasons behind Sadaqat-ul-Fitr's necessity;

First reason: It is a purification for fasting from indecent words or action, as it is mentioned in the Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (Upon whom be Peace) who is reported to have said, "Sadaqat-ul-Fitr has been prescribed as a cleaner- for those who keeps fast- from wrong actions, vain talk and misbehavior and as a food for poor people."

Second reason: On the day of Eid it suffices Muslim from begging for food as it is mentioned in Hadith. "Give them so much, so that they will not beg on the day of Eid."

Time for paying Sadaqat-ul-Fitr:

In the Hanafi Madhab it becomes obligatory from the dawn of Eid-al-Fitr, however you can pay it a day or two in advance so that poor and needy people would be able to prepare for Eid. Since Hanafi Jurist have allowed to pay Sadaqat-ul-Fitr in Cash along with grain it is better for us to pay it in few days advance before EID prayer, this is the most evident opinion upon which the fatwa is given.

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr can be paid with one of the four following types of food:

1. **WHEAT: A half Sa' (1/2) 2.47kg = \$15.00**
2. **BARLEY: One Sa' 4.94kg = \$ 182.00**
3. **RAISIN: One Sa' 4.94kg = \$ 205.00**
4. **DATES: One Sa' 4.94kg = \$ 155. 00 (Pitted dates.)**

In the aforementioned, you can observe the huge difference in present prices of types of food which is mentioned in hadith for paying Sadaqat-ul-Fitr. You can easily notice that wheat flour is the cheapest item in the list, therefore it can't be standardized item for the paying of Sadaqat-ul-Fitr in Trinidad and Tobago, because the living standard of some Muslims is different from others and perhaps, wheat and its flour was most expensive items in the time of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) because it was imported.

Hence we appeal to the Muslim community, in particular business people, to choose other items as well 'besides wheat price, when you want to pay Sadaqat-ul-Fitr on your behalf and your family, especially in the time of lockdown where some people are starving and they are in dire need of food and other items. You can reach out to needy people directly and pay them your Sadaqat-ul-Fitr or you authorize someone to pay it but make sure that your amount of Sadaqat-ul-Fitr must reach the people before Eid prayer. The recipients of Sadaqat-ul-Fitr are the same as Zakat.

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