

Q6 Write a comprehensive note on Zakat system of Islam and its spiritual, moral and social impacts

1. Introduction:

It is an Arabic word meaning to clean or to purify. Its contextual meaning is purifying wealth and belonging. It is one of the pillar of Islam. It was made obligatory on 2 A.H. It is the only worship that can be forcefully enforced. Its importance can be seen as it is mentioned 32 times in Holy Quran. In Quran Allah says

"And establish prayer and give Zakat" (2:110)

2. Conditions of Zakat:

There are few conditions of Zakat. Zakat

is only obligatory if these conditions are fulfilled. These conditions are as follows.

a. Zakat is obligatory on Muslim.

b. Zakat is obligatory on Adult

c. Zakat is obligatory on sane person

d. Zakat is obligatory on free persons

e. Zakat is obligatory on financially capable person

3. Beneficiaries of Zakat:

There are eight beneficiaries of Zakat. The beneficiaries of Zakat is mentioned in Surah Tauba. It says

"Zakat expenditures are only for the poor and for the needy and for those employed to collect, and for bringing hearts

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together and for freeing captives
and for those in debts and for
the cause of Allah and for the
traveler an obligation by Allah.
And Allah is knowing and wise.

(9:60)

As mentioned in this verse
there are eight beneficiaries
of Zakat

1. The Poor
2. The needy
3. Administrator of Zakat
4. Sympathizer
5. To free slaves
6. In debt
7. For the cause of Allah
8. Way farer

	Nisab of Zakat	on every yield
Buried Wealth	20%	on every yield
Wealth	2.5%	Yearly
Precious Metals & Stones	7.5 tola gold & 52.5 tola silver	"
Trade in Stocks	2.5% on running stock	"
Agri-Production	Arid land 10%, irrigated land 5%	on every yield
Live Stock	40 goats / 1 goat 30 cows / 1 goat or 1 calf 5 camels / 1 goat	Yearly

4. Zakat cannot be given:

Zakat is forbidden to be given to the

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following

- a. Mosque and hospital
- b. Holy Prophet and decendent of Holy Prophet
- c. Spouses
- d. Grand Parents

5. Impacts of Zakat:

Zakat has many impacts on society that include spiritual impacts, moral impacts and social impacts

a. Spiritual Impacts:

Zakat has many spiritual impacts. Zakat purify the soul. It removes materialism and bring one closer to Allah. In Quran Allah says

"But My mercy encompasses all things. so I will decree it

for those who fear Me and
give Zakat" (7:156)

This shows that Allah ^{will} have
mercy on those who give zakat
and Allah will also bring them
closer to him.

b. Moral Impacts:

Zakat also
has moral impacts. It prevent
social crimes. It enhances the
humanitarian spirit, increase
humility and humbleness. In
Quran Allah say

"If you disclose your
charitable expenditures, they are
good; but if you conceal them
and give them to the poor,
it is better for you, and He
will remove from you some
of your misdeeds, and Allah

with what you do

(2:27)

These verse emphasizes the moral virtue of humility in giving. It suggests that giving with sincerity and without seeking public recognition is a higher form of charity, indicating the importance of pure intentions and moral integrity.

c. Societal Impacts:

Zakat plays a pivotal role in the eradication of poverty. It helps in the circulation of wealth. It helps to control inflation. In Quran, Allah says "Zakat expenditures are only for the poor and for the needy." (9:60)

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This verse shows that Zakat is the circulation of wealth from rich to poor.

6. Conclusion:

Zakat is one of the fundamental pillars of the Islam. It was made obligatory of 2 A.H. Zakat plays very vital role in the ~~the~~ creation of welfare of state. It helps to eliminate poverty, inflation. Zakat brings one closer to Allah. Those who do good and spend in the way of Allah, Allah shower his blessing on them. Muslim should give Zakat to support their fellow muslim brothers.