

Q. Who are entitled to receive Zakat according to the Quran? Elucidating social impact of Zakat, clarify how can poverty be alleviated with its distribution in Islamic Society?

Ans:

Zakat is one of ~~perilletz~~ pillars of Islam and a kind of financial worship. Zakat literal meaning is to purify something. In Islamic terminology, Zakat refers to purify wealth. Zakat has become obligatory for Muslims in 610 AD. Allah SWT gives emphasis on paying zakat in the Holy Quran: "And establish prayer and pay Zakat." (Al-Baqarah-110) Allah ~~SAT~~ SWT emphasized to pay zakat because it has both positive social and individual impacts. By eliminating poverty, Zakat leads Islamic society towards prosperity and balance society. Thus, Zakat is obligatory in Islamic society to

minimize the gap between poor and rich, and establishment of a balance society.

Entitles of Zakat

"Zakah expenditures are only for those who are poor and needy and for those who administered it and for bringing heart together and for freeing captives [or slaves] and for those in debt and for the cause of Allah and for the traveller - an obligation by Allah. And Allah is Knowing and Wise." (at-Taubah-60)

From the above verse of the Holy Quran, those who are entitled to Zakat are following:

1. Faqir:

One who has insufficient means of survival.

2. Miskeen:

One who has nothing which means extremely poor.

3. Amileen:

For those who collect zakat

4. Muallafat ul Quloob:

For those who newly embraced Islam and face financial difficulties.

5. Riqab:

Zakat can be spent to free captives and slaves

6. Ghazimeen:

Zakat is given for those who are in debt

7. Fi Sabilillah:

Zakat is given in path of Allah.

8. Ibn us Sabeel:

Zakat is given for those travelers who ~~were~~ are far away from their native city and countries, and face financial difficulties to return and for food.

Thus, these eight heads are eligible for zakat.

Zakat Alleviate Poverty from Islamic Society

Islam is a rationale base religion. In fact, Islam is a Din which has proper system to govern a state, a society, and solutions of all social problems. Poverty is one of social problems in a society and Islam has given the solution of poverty in form of Zakat. Zakat eliminates poverty from a society through following steps:

~~A. Giving proper economic system to a society:~~

1. Circulation of wealth:

Zakat ensures circulation of wealth in a society through making obligatory for a muslim to pay 2.5% of his wealth that must be seven tolas of gold, 25 tolas of silver. Consequently, the poor get their share from the rich through zakat and society leads toward

impoverity.

2. Balanced Society:

In modern world two economic systems predominantly exists: Capitalism that create a gap between the rich and the poor, and Socialism that leads a society towards ineffectiveness. In contrary to them, Islamic system leads a society toward balancing society by minimizing the gap between rich and poor through Zakat and eliminate poverty in a society.

this question only ask about one aspect of zakat , elimination of poeverty, that why I didn't mention the other apact of zakat and, I tired to prove that aspect ...Did I do it correct?

In a net shell, Zakat is an impactant part of Islam which ensures a prosperous society by alleviating poverty and other social problems. Zakat has been emphasized in Quran many times so that a balanced society would be created and there should be circulation of wealth.