

Q-6 Zakat Social, Spiritual, Moral Impact

Introduction:

Islam is complete code of life. It's system of zakat is comprehensive. The literal meaning of zakat is nourishment of both body and health, it purifies the heart from materialism. Zakat made obligatory on 2.A.H. It is most prescribed obligation after salat. Quran mention zakat more than eighty times. It has social, moral and spiritual impacts and discussed in following text-

Obligation of Zakat in

Quran:

انما الصدقات للفقراء والمساكين والعالمين
عليهم والموءلفة القلوب و في الرقاب والغارمين
و في سبيل الله و بن سبيل فرينة من الله
والله اعلم بالحق

(البقره - 60)

Zakat is collection is only for
needy and indigent and those who
employed for its collections; and
for those whose hearts are to be win over;

and for ransoming of slaves; and for
indebtors; and in the path of Allah.

Rules for Zakat

- (i) Zakat is obligatory only on muslim with complete nisab
- (ii) It can only be given to muslim and not for tribe of Banu-Hashim
- (iii) It cannot be given to slaves for their services, wives, kids or first relatives
- (iv) It is not essential for personal use articles and camels for personal transportation.
- (vii) It cannot be given to person who possesses nisab or debtor is exempted from zakat.

Nisab of Zakat

(Article)	(Amount)
Gold	7.5 tola
Silver	52.5 tola
Camel	5
Cows	30
Sheep/goats	40
buried wealth	5%
Ushur	10% on rainy land
Trade articles	2.5%
Kharrrs	5% on irrigation land

SOCIAL IMPACT

Footings

Elimination Of Social Classes

Karl Marx in his book "A Manifest Destiny" says, "the class differences in a society are man made and due to unequal distribution of wealth". In such way zakat helps to eliminate the social classes

ii) Increase The Mutual Care

And Respect: The mutual care and respect is essential for a progressive society. Zakat develop the system of mutual care by giving own wealth to others to care and support them.

(iii) It Strengthen The National Economy:

Zakat strengthen the national economy by exchanging the capital in all hands of society. So people don't involve in hoarding but utilize their money

(vi) It lead to Eliminate Poverty and Crimer

Prophet (PBUH) said on one occasion
° Whoever made wealthy and doesn't pay Zakat, his wealth turn to a snake on day of resurrection enircle his neck and say I'm your wealth while biting his cheeks
Such strictness inspire people to pay Zakat to poor people which decrease their poverty. Also, it prevent them to involve in unlawful earning so prevent crime in society.

(v) Eradicate Immoral Practices

Immoral Practices such as prostitution is due to unequal wealth distribution. If they get enough money in form of Zakat they would not indulge in such immoral practices

SPIRITUAL IMPACTS

(ii) Satisfaction By Helping Others,

As Allah says in the Quran,

Indeed who believe, and do righteous deeds, offer prayer, and pay Zakat, will have their reward with Allah (الْبِئْرُ)

As Allah has promised for the reward, people find hearty satisfaction by helping others in form of Zakat

(iii) Remove Love of Materialism,

When a person give from their own wealth it remove the love from his wealth about materialism. He remain no more a materialistic man but become pious.

(iii) Closeness to Allah,

This world is a place of continuous test and assessment for human.

By giving wealth, a man's heart become ^{go away} far away from this world's wealth. He finds peace

because of this financial Ibadat and become close to Allah.

(iv) Sacrificing - the Beloved Things for Allah makes man Pious.

Sacrificing is most impactful to get the precious goal. By sacrificing the beloved things for the cause of Allah makes the man pious due to sacrifice.

MORAL IMPACTS

(i) Decrease Love of Lust

Lust is a evil and it is human instinct to have lust for wealth. But Zakat abstain a person from hoarding and decrease his lust thus increases morality in his character.

(ii) Zakat Purifies hearts,

Allah says in Quran

"By no means you can attain righteousness unless you give of that which you love"

(AL-Imran: 92)

This commandments means - the mean to purify heart is only to spent for the cause of Allah.

(iii) Zakat Increase Trust in Allah

Allah's trust is crucial for a muslim and prophet (PBUH) says "Zakat increase one's wealth, it does not decrease it". Which mean when a person giving Zakat he has trust on Allah that in this way he will not lose his wealth thus it increase the trust on his Sustained.

(iv) It rises Humanitarian Spirit,

Zakat rises humanitarian spirit in a muslim's heart and increase his level of moral as prophet (PBUH) said: "Do not envy anyone only the one who has given wealth and spent it continuously in the path of Allah"

Conclusion.

The Islamic Economic system of Zakat is a comprehensive system, it has far-reaching implications on society and

individuals moral and spiritual values. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in this regards said,

"You should worship Allah and do not ascribe any partners to him, offer prayers perfectly, and give Zakat, and keep good relations with your kin and kin"