

Write Comprehensive note on Zakat System of Islam and its spiritual, moral and Social Impacts.

Introduction

Zakat is the payment of which at specified rate, is obligatory on those who can afford it. Islam makes it obligatory for the purpose of growing and purifying one's self. The Quran exhorts the believers to spend in the way of Allah in Surah Al-Baqarah verse 177

وَأَتَى الْإِنَّمَالِ عَلَى حُبِّهِ

"To spend of your substances,
Out of love for Him."

Spending in the way of Allah encourages equitable distribution of wealth. It leaves great impact on spiritual, moral and social aspects of society.

Zakat

Zakat means "to clean and purify."

→ The purification of wealth and belongings.

→ In 2-Hijri it ^{became} ~~marked~~ obligatory worship.
It can be collected by force.

Islamic state should be a welfare state. It can be created by circulation of wealth in society and this can be happen by Zakat.

Importance of Zakat

→ **Islam** gives permission to use of force against the people who are able to give zakat but they not give zakat.

→ **When Hazrat Abu-Bakir Siddique** was Caliph, he decided to fight against the people that no gave zakat. This show the importance of Zakat.

Condition of Zakat

Islam gives the condition who can give Zakat. The conditions are

- Must be a Muslim
- Must be a mature person
- Must be a sound-minded

- Must be a free person
- Financially capable

Zakat is on surplus wealth and income tax is directly on income.

Islam does not burdenize the people who can't afford to give Zakat. Islam just not gives the criteria who can give Zakat but also tells that to whom Zakat can be given. The Quran specifies the persons on whom and on which the amount of Zakat should be spent.

In Surah At-Taubah : verse 60

Allah Almighty said:

"Alms are for the poor, the needy, sympathizers, in debt, to free slave, for the cause of Allah and wayfared ordained by Allah."

Zakat can not be Given To:

- Husband and wife
- Zakat can not be spend on Masajid and hospitals
- Parents and grand-parents
- children and grand children
- Poophet (PBUH) and descendent of poophet (PBUH)

Amount of Zakat

Zakat is payable once a year on gold, silver, cash, cattle and goods used for trading purpose.

Ushar:

The kind of Zakat levied on the produce of land at different rate is called Ushar.

Here is the criteria on which rate Zakat should be given:

Nature	Rate	Time	Threshold
Wealth	2.5%	Yearly	NO
Precious Metal	7.5% gold	Yearly	52.5 total silver
Trade in Stock	2.5%	Yearly	52000 Rs and more
Agric production	10% of Arid land 50% on irrigated land	On every yield	No minimum
Live stock	40 goats - 1 goat 30 Cows - 1 goat 5 Camels - 1 goat	Annual	40 Goats 30 Cows 5 Camels
Buried wealth & minerals	2.0%	on Every production	NO minimum

This is the amount of zakat that should be given to state.

Institutionalization of System of Zakat

For the collection and administration of Zakat fund, indicates that the system can be institutionalized where possible. It was, in fact, institutionalized after the establishment of a Muslim State in Madinah when its rate was fixed. Persons were appointed for its collection and its payment was made obligatory on those who were in a position to afford it.

Impacts of Zakat

Spiritual Impacts

- It removes the greed of wealth. Wealth is the one of those things that people love most. As the Quran says

وانه لحب الخير لشيء

And violent is his love of wealth.

(Surah Al-Adiyat : verse 8)

By giving Zakat, the people love with their wealth decrease. They not greed for more wealth.

- It removes the materialism.

Prophet (PBUH) said

"The greatest evil of my Ummah is the Love of wealth!"

- Closeness to Allah. Zakat means purification and by giving Zakat Muslim purify his soul and become close to Allah.

Moral Impacts

- It creates the humanitarian spirit. It increase care and welfare spirit of people, which is good for states and also for peoples.

- Zakat a shield against Crime. It curb the tendency towards the commission of crimes in society as the root causes of most crimes create poverty and hunger.

As Prophet (PBUH) said

"Poverty leads a person to disbelief."

So it reduce the cause of poverty.

Social Impacts

- It ensure the circulation of wealth.
- It reduce class difference
- It controls Inflation
- It controls the poverty and crime rate. If people have access to wealth then they do not need to do crime.

For these peoples Quran promises reward, both in this world and in the hereafter. In Surah

Al-Baqarah verse 261 (2:261)

"The parable of those who spend their substance in the way of Allah is that of a gain of corn, it growth seven ears and each ear hath a hundred grains."

Conclusion

Zakat can create a welfare state in which all people have equal rights and wealth. Circulation of wealth decrease the chance of poverty and crime which makes the better society. By giving zakat the good of wealth

decreases and help each other in difficult time. Zakat can create a better society. ~~the~~ The people on which Zakat condition fulfill they should pay Zakat so that a good society came into existence.

