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### 1) Introduction

Islam is complete code of life which covers every aspect of life. Islam has highlighted the guidelines for social, political, spiritual, moral and economic sphere of life. It is comprehensive code which underscores the welfare of humanity. Zakat is the foundation of economic system of Islam. It is compulsory on every muslim to pay on the income. It helps to generate income for the government to make sure the welfare of the society. The Zakat is equitable system which ensures the development of society and welfare of people. The philosophy of Zakat in Islam is based on the will of people and their ability to help those who are in need. Moreover, it purifies the soul of the person and make sure that he does not become greedy and keep helping the other people.



## 2) Importance of Zakat in Islam

Zakat is the duty of the person set by Almighty Allah. It is compulsory on everyone to pay Zakat. Its importance can be realized from the fact that it has been mentioned various times in Holy Quran. Almighty Allah has ordered all Muslims to pay Zakat. Moreover, it is important to pay Zakat as it ensures the equity in the society. It makes sure that not any single person spends his or her night without food or shelter. It is necessary to ensure the collection of Zakat in order to ensure the equality and equity in the society.

## 3) Philosophy of Zakat

It ensures the equitable wealth distribution in the society, ensures the protection of common people from famine, hunger and suffering. Moreover, it is necessary for the welfare of society. Lastly,



Zakat uplifts those who live in extreme poverty.

### i) Ensures equitable wealth distribution

Zakat ensures the equitable wealth distribution in the society. When everyone pays Zakat according to his income, it brings equitability in the economic system. The amount of Zakat received by the government or caliphate is then spent equitably on people. The example of this can be found in the era of pious second caliph where people used to search people who need charity. This was happened in the era of second caliph because of the strength of Zakat system in economy of the pious caliphate.

### ii) Protection of common people

On various instances in Holy Quran, Almighty Allah has categorically order to keep paying Zakat and keep helping people. It is because Zakat ensures the protection of people.



from poverty. Moreover, Zakat helps those who face the hunger. Islamic state can only become welfare state through Zakat.

Almighty Allah has asked humans to cooperate with people in good things and do not cooperate with them in evil things

وتعاونوا على البر والتقوى ولا تعاونوا على الأثم والعدوان

Cooperate with all in what is good and pious but do not cooperate in what is sinful and wicked.

In this injunction, it is clearly mentioned to keep distance from people who do sinful and wicked things. Hence one should not follow those who do not pay Zakat.

iii) Zakat helps to create a welfare society

An Islamic state cannot be established without the welfare of people and welfare cannot be ensured without the enforcement of Zakat.



## iv) Zakat eliminates poverty

Moreover, the philosophy of Zakat is to help people who are in need. The enforcement of Zakat shall ensure that people are lifted out of poverty.

## 4) Spiritual Benefits of Zakat

There are various spiritual benefits of Zakat. It satisfies one's soul through fulfillment of order of Almighty Allah; it purifies soul of a person, it ensures good life hereafter and satisfies one's own conscience.

i) It satisfies one's soul through fulfillment of order of Almighty Allah

When a person pays Zakat, his/her inner soul is satisfied and person becomes happy in life. It comes because of the realization that one has fulfilled the pious responsibility put by Allah. Wealth and power in this world is trust of Almighty Allah. When one is given this,



the person must use it according to the trust of Almighty Allah.

ii) Zakat purifies the soul  
 Zakat purifies the soul of the ~~the~~ person who pays. Wealth once given by God must be distributed in the way of Almighty Allah. When a person keeps paying his share of Zakat, it purifies the soul.

iii) Zakat: among five pillars of Islam

Islam is based on the five pillars of Islam. About all these there are clear injunctions in holy Quran. The paying of Zakat along with other four pillars ensures the good life hereafter.

5) Moral and Social Benefits of Zakat

Lastly, there are moral benefits and social benefits of society. Zakat develops the principle of collectivism among people. It upholds the morality



in the society. Moreover, it develops the society in social sphere where all people are helped and fed and provided shelter in the society.

## 6) Conclusion

In a nutshell, Zakat helps to create welfare society where everyone is helped and ensured protection from poverty. It possesses central importance in the economic system of any society. It also purifies the soul of a person and collectively uplifts the society.

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