

QUESTION - 4

"Answer"

Introduction

The system of sadkaat and zakat in Islam for the purpose to help others financially those in need. The zakat is an obligatory and fourth pillar of Islam and 82 times mentioned in Quran. The sadaq is non obligatory charity in Islam. It can be performed in any time and any amount. Social impact of sadakaat and zakat is to reduce poverty. Moral impact of it is to conscience to make sacrifices for them and care about those who are in need. Spiritual impact of zakat and sadakaat is to get rewarded from Allah in the world and hereafter, and to earn the pleasure of Allah Almighty.

Zakat system in Islam

Zakat is an obligatory in Islam who meets the Nisab of zakat and able to pay zakat.

Zakat imposed once a lunar year. Zakat cannot be used in administrative costs or infrastructure.

Muslims individual who acquire $7\frac{1}{2}$ tola gold and $52\frac{1}{2}$ tola silver or the other wealth equal to those, must able to pay zakat.

8 Recipients of Zakat (Masarif-e-zakat)

The categories have mentioned in Quran that who can receive the Zakat. Allah stated in Quran that:

"charitable offering are meant to given to the poor and the indigent and to those who work on it, and to those whose hearts are reconciled, and free those in bondage, and to the debt-ridden, and to cause of God, and to the wayfarer. This is an obligation from God. And God is all knowing all wise."

(Al-Quran)

1. For Poor (Fakeers): They don't have any source to earn money.
2. For Needy (Masakeen): Those who don't have basic needs for themselves & their families.
3. For Zakat Administrator (Amileen): Those individuals who are authorized by the state to collect zakat funds and safeguard them and distribute them to the needy.
4. Converted Muslim (Moallafat-al-Qulob): ^{converted} zakat should be given to the ^{converted} Muslims to help them to embrace Islam and strengthen their faith, and help financially in the form of zakat.

5. For freedom of slave (Fisal Riqa): The amount of Zakat utilize to free slaves.
6. For debt-ridden (Ghairimeen): This category is belonged to those who burdened by debts and unable to repay. The zakat amount should be paid off their debts instead of giving them directly.
7. In the cause of Allah (Fisabilillah): Those who are involved in Jihad and fight against the unbelievers for the sake of Allah.
8. For wayfarer (Ibn-us-sabeel): Those who are travellers and faced difficulty in their journey due to the shortage of resources, zakat can also ~~impr~~ received by them.

Sadaq in Islam

It is non obligatory charity in Islam.
 It is a voluntary charity in Islam in order to please Allah Almighty. Sadaqa is not only in a monetary or physical form, every good towards the others are seen as sadaqa.

Types of Sadaq =>

1. Sadaqah:
 - a. Feeding others
 - b. Making dua for others
 - c. Being kind to animals and caring and feeding them.

- d. Donating to someone in need.
- e. Visiting and caring for the sick.
- f. Smiling at others.
- g. Supporting others.

2. Sadaqah Jaiyah:

- a. Teaching someone a valuable skill.
- b. Building an institute for others such as mosque, educational institute, hospitals, orphanage and so on.
- c. Planting a tree.
- d. Teaching someone valuable knowledge.
- e. Inventing something of use for people and animals.

Social Impact of Zakat & Sadaqah

Zakat helps to reduce poverty by providing resources to those who are in need. It is empowering individuals and communities by providing them zakat which helps in education, health care, & employment. Zakat can also restore and establish human dignity.

Sadaqa set an example of generosity to the individuals around us such as children, friends, relatives. It nurtures a culture of empathy, compassion and community of well being.

Moral Impact of Zakat and Sadaqah

Zakat is promoting ethical behaviour and generosity and emphasizing the importance of helping others by sharing resources. It reduces the affection of wealth by giving a portion of wealth.

Sadaqah is promoting a positive behaviour towards money and helps to purify wealth and earn the blessing of Allah. It is removing the impurities of greed and selfishness to help them achieve in Taqwa.

Spiritual Impact of Zakat and Sadaqah

It helps to purification of wealth and soul by giving zakat. In Islamic teachings, giving zakat brings blessings (barakah) in one's wealth. By giving zakat, it is showing the obedience to Allah. It is also fulfilling the sense of responsibility by doing the obligatory principle of Islam.

Sadaqah is an act to bring oneself closer to Allah and it seeks Allah's forgiveness and mercy.