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ZAKAT

Introduction

Etymological meaning of the word Zakat: holiness, purity and to increase.

The point of view Islamic Shariat: the spending of 2.50 percent of a Muslim owner having Nisab (taxable) amount of wealth at the close of the year on specified heads of expenditure is termed as Zakat.

Nisab: Nisab means amount. Nisab is the minimum amount or volume of surplus asset which imposes obligation of the owner there-of to pay Zakat.

Nisab of paying zakat : Zakat is farz to the person, who has **7.5 vori of gold or 52,5 tola silver or same amount of money**. If any person has nisab of amount ,he/she has to pay as zakat **2.5% or 1/40 of his wealth or money**.

➤ **Mr. Salam has 60 lakh Taka.What amount should he pay as zakat?**

Answer: Mr. Salam has to pay,

$$\begin{aligned} 60 \text{ lakh} \times 2.5\% &= 60,00,000 \times 1/40 \\ &= 1,50,000 \text{ Tk as zakat} \end{aligned}$$

In the Islamic view-point: Zakat is not mercy of the rich to the poor, rather it is the right of the poor. This being so, Allah has directed payment of Zakat as mandatory. In so doing the wealth of the rich person is sanctified, purified and augmented. That is why, it has been called Zakat.

Allah the Most High says-

"Establish your prayer and pay up you Zakat." (Sara: An-Noor, Ayat: 56)

In terms of economic condition there are both rich and poor men in the society. Allah the Most Great has made provision of Zakat in Al-Quran with a view to bridging up the gap between the rich and the poor. The poor people of the society too will become solvent provided Zakat is paid up. As a result, a link will emerge between the rich and the poor. This will ensure peace, discipline and tranquility in society.

Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) has mentioned Zakat as a bridge of Islam thus- **"Zakat is the bridge of Islam."** (Baihaqi)

IMPORTANCE OF ZAKAT

Allah the Most High has spoken of Zakat several times along with Salat. Zakat is the third of the five pillars of Islam. Zakat holds social, moral, economic and religious importance. For all these reasons Allah the Most Great has made Zakat Farz on the Muslims.

Serial No	Importance of sawm	
1	Social	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishes equality 2. Removes instability and chaos 3. Brings social equality 4. Removes gap between poor and the rich 5. poor people of the society can be solvent 6. Prophet (sm) said-"Zakat is the bridge of Islam." (Baihaqi). 7. Allah says, "So that wealth does not rotate only among the wealthy persons." (Sura: Hashr, Ayat: 7). 8. Allah says, "And in their (of the rich) wealth there is right of the beggars and the needy (deprived)." (Sara: Az- Zariyat, Ayat: 19)
2	Religious	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It is a farz Ibadat 2) Helps to be a perfect muslim 3) It's a financial worship 4) Without paying the zakat, one can't be believers in Akhirat 5) Allah says, "And those who accumulate gold and silver and do not spend in the way of Allah give them the tidings of severe punishment." (Sara: At-Tauba, Ayat: 34). 6) Allah says, "Those who do not give out Zakat, and they are not believers in Akhirat too." (Ha-mim Ash Sijdah, Ayat : 7)
3	Ethical	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produces fear of Allah 2. Prepares sacred and high attitude 3. Teaches to prevent mistakes 4. Ensure man's inner peace 5. Increases moral upliftment 6. Helps to be morally purified
4	Economic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Purity and sancity of wealth 2) Islamic source of income 3) Economic foundation 4) Social welfare projects are dependent on it 5) Increases production 6) Reduces unemployment problems 7) Firm and strong economic base 8) Makes solvent population 9) Strengthens economy 10) Gradually the number of wealthy people increases. 11) Country will be economically self- reliant 12) Employment may be generated for the unemployed and the poor through collecting Zakat under state initiative.

Worksheet of lesson 4

- 1) Who mentioned zakat as the bridge of Islam?
- 2) What is the bridge of Islam?
- 3) What is called Nisab?
- 4) What is the amount of Nisab?
- 5) What is the percentage of nisab?
- 6) Which Ibadat brings social equality?
- 7) Who waged war against the rejectors of zakat?
- 8) Which Ibadat is known as a financial worship?
- 9) Which Ibadat is known as a physical worship?
- 10) "Zakat is the right of the helpless and poor"-explain.
- 11) "Zakat is the bridge of Islam."-explain
- 12) Mr W has 50 lakh money in his account, at the end of the year, he wants to pay Zakat, what will be the amount of his paying Zakat.
- 13) Mrs Veronica kept 52.5 vori silver jewellery in her locker. What will be her nisab for Zakat? 1 tola silver= 800 taka
- 14) Mrs Shahana has 7.5 tola of gold on her locker, after 1 year what will be the amount of her Nisab of Zakat? Gold 1 vori=60,00 Tk
- 15) Write the social significances of zakat.
- 16) Write the religious significances of zakat.
- 17) Write the moral significances of zakat.
- 18) Write the economic significances of zakat.
- 19) Write the impact of zakat in a person's individual, social and religious life.
- 20) Write the results of paying zakat.