

Dahanu Zakat Foundation

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The Collective Logic of Zakat – Its Importance and Necessity

In Islam, most acts of worship and social duties are performed collectively. Islam does not encourage isolation. For example, if someone prays alone instead of in a mosque, their prayer is still valid, but Islamic teachings encourage praying in congregation. Similarly, while it is permissible to give Zakat individually, it is preferable to collect it in a central system so it can be managed and distributed properly.

Allah Ta'ala has said about this in the Holy Quran.

"O Beloved! Collect Zakat from their wealth so that you can clean and purify them."

(Kanzul-Iman-Surah Tauba - Verse 1-3)

Here, Allah commands the Prophet (peace be upon him) to collect Zakat from people rather than leaving it to individuals to distribute on their own. This emphasizes that Zakat should be organized centrally to ensure proper collection and distribution. The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said:

"I have been ordered to collect Zakat from the wealthy among you and distribute it among the poor among you."

Zakat is a powerful tool to improve the financial condition of Muslims. If a proper Zakat system is established in **Dahanu**, it will help strengthen the education and economy of the Muslim community within a few years while also fulfilling a key religious obligation.

During the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him), Hazrat Maaz (RA) was sent to Yemen to collect Zakat and charity. During Hazrat Umar's (RA) rule, Hazrat Maaz (RA) initially sent one-third of the collected Zakat to him, then half in the second year, and by the third year, the full amount. When Hazrat Umar (RA) asked about this, Hazrat Maaz (RA) replied that **there was no one left in Yemen in need of receiving Zakat**, showcasing the power of an organized Zakat system in eliminating poverty.

Alhamdulillah, the collective system of Zakat has been established in Dahanu. You are requested to participate enthusiastically in this important duty. The future of the children of Dahanu is in your hands.

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