

Question 467) - How much is a Sa'?

A: It is 8 'Iraqi Ritl according to Imaam Abu Hanifa RAH. and Imaam Muhammed " RAH.
According to Imaam Abu Yusut RAH. it is 5 and a third Ritl.

*Sharhul Qiqayah: "A Sa' equals 8 Ritl of Majj or lentils because these two seeds are the most uniform unlike other seeds which differ greatly in size and other qualities.... Know that this Sa' is the 'Iraqi one not the Hijazi which is 5 and a third Ritl...." The Sa' was a bowl used to measure during the time of Rasulullaah (S.A.W.) As Islaam spread to the corners of the world the Muslims started using weights to calculate the Sadaqatul Fitr. Because of the differences in weights of different items, the calculations of the 'Ulama differed. Each gave his own Fatwa according to his research. Currently kilograms are used in the markets and in trade. I have questioned the 'Ulama and read their books, and their answers differ greatly. What I conclude is that someone who gives 2kg of wheat as Sadaqatul Fitr will have fulfilled it according to the Ahnaf; because a half Sa' is not more than 2kg when calculating according to the Sa' Baghdadi Ritl.

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