

Q: 93 – Title: Is it permissible for women to wear Niqab and give Sadaqah in the state of Ihram?

Question

While performing Hajj is it necessary that the Niqaab of a women does not touch her face while she is in Ihraam?

Can she give some charity if she finds this difficult?

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-salamu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

Leaving the face uncovered is part of the woman’s Ihram. Nabi Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam has said:

“The Ihram of a female is in her face and the Ihram of a man is in his head.”
(Sunan Ad-Daru Qutni, Hadith No. 2761)[1]

In these times of corruption and evil, it is advisable that a woman in Ihram covers her face in such a way that the covering cloth (niqab) does not touch the face.

That is by wearing a cap and drawing the niqab from a distance away from the face. However if we suppose the niqab does end up touching the face, then charity equivalent to the amount of

Sadaqatul Fitr is due. And if she wears niqab whilst touching her face for a complete day, a Damm (sacrificed animal) is due. [2] [3]

And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best

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