



The first and the second questions of Fatwa no. 11351

Q 1, 2 : I am a governmental employee who delivers salaries to the employees. I allocate the salary of each employee then send it to someone else to deliver it to him because it is impossible to deliver it myself as the employees are women. There are remaining halalas after the salaries have been distributed and I do not have much halalas (as change) to give, therefore, I do not deliver it to their owners. After delivery, there remains with me about 50 or 40 Riyals or less.

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This process has been continuing like this for about three years because I do not know most of them. I do not even know the number of halalas that are due to each of them each month. I hope you can tell me what I should do as I spent all the mentioned amounts. Should I pay one Riyal on a monthly basis in charity on behalf of each person?

One time I delivered the salaries and there were 2,000 Riyals left. I asked the employees if the amount they received was correct and I also asked my superiors from whom I receive the money but they did not mention any shortage. I did not tell them how much was left. This happened two and a half years ago and I spent it all. Since I have no right to this amount, I regret spending that sum and I can not tell my superiors for fear that they will call me thief. I call Allah (may He be Exalted) to witness that I regret what I have done. I would like to return this money to the state through any way to get rid of it. It is worth mentioning here that I can put it in any governmental work where I conclude agreements with sums that are equal to this sum of money. I have a loan from the state to cover these agreements and carry out some work within the state. Is it permissible for me to pay this sum in return for any work done within the body in which I work; such as the amendment of electricity and purchasing anything needed by this body in order to return that sum of money without anyone knowing what happened? I hope you could advise me in this regard as I regret what I have done.

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A 1, 2: If the matter is as you have mentioned, you have to give these amounts in charity on behalf of the people who own this money. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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