

SHOULD ZAKA BE GIVEN ON THE STOCK THAT I HAVE IN MY SHOP WHICH I SELL?

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The stock one has in their shop which is sold as part of their business has been included by the Fuqaha under the ruling of Zaka. Imam Ibn Abidin discusses this;

وَفِي الدُّرَرِ: الْعَرْضُ بِسُكُونِ الرَّاءِ مَتَاعٌ لَا يَدْخُلُهُ كَيْلٌ وَلَا وَزُنٌ وَلَا يَكُونُ حَيَوانًا وَلَا عَقَارًا كَذَا فِي الصِّحَاحِ. وأَمَّا بِفَتْحِهَا فَمَتَاعُ الدُّنْيَا، وَيَتَنَاوَلُ جَمِيعَ الْأَمْوَالِ، وَلَا وَجْهَ لَهُ هَاهُنَا لِجَعْلِهِ مُقَابِلًا لِلذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ اه أَيْ مَفْتُوحُ الرَّاءِ عَيْرُ مُرَادٍ هُنَا لِقَنْحِهَا فَمَتَاعُ الدُّنْيَا، وَيَتَنَاوَلُ جَمِيعَ الْأَمْوَالِ، وَلَا وَجْهَ لَهُ هَاهُنَا لِجَعْلِهِ مُقَابِلًا لِلذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ اه أَيْ مَفْتُوحُ الرَّاءِ عَيْرُ مُرَادٍ هُنَا لِتَنَاوُلِهِ جَمِيعَ الْأَمْوَالِ مَعَ أَنَّ النَّقْدَيْنِ غَيْرُ دَاحِلَيْنِ فِيهِ هُنَا بِقَرِينَةِ الْمُقَابَلَةِ، فَيَتَعَيَّنُ إِرَادَةُ سَاكِنِ الرَّاءِ، لَكِنْ عَلَى مَا فِي الصِّحَاحِ يَخْرُبُ عَنْهُ الدَّوَابُ وَالْمَكِيلَاتُ وَالْمَوْزُونَاتُ مَعَ أَنَّهَا مِنْ عُرُوضِ التِّجَارَةِ إِذَا نَوَاهَا فِيهَا فَلِذَا قَالَ الشَّارِحُ: هُوَ هُنَا مَا لَيْسَ بِنَقْدٍ: أَيْ أَنَّ النَّفُودِ أَيْ أَنَّ النَّوْبَاتُ مَعَ أَنَّهَا مِنْ عُرُوضِ التِّجَارَةِ إِذَا نَوَاهَا فِيهَا فَلِذَا قَالَ الشَّارِحُ: هُوَ هُنَا مَا لَيْسَ بِنَقْدٍ: أَيْ أَلُ اللَّامِ لِلْمُولُودِ هُنَا الْالثَّارِحُ: هُنَا الْالثَّارِحُ وَاللَّهُ لِيَالِ لَيْتَعَلِّلُ لَي لِيَدْخُلُ فِيهِ مَا ذَكَرَ (رد المحتار, ج٢ ص٢٩٨)

Therefore, the merchandise is included with any cash which the shop owner may possess. When the day set aside for calculating one's Zaka arrives then the individual should determine the sale price of all the items in stock on that day. In other words if he was to sell the items on that day at the price he normally has them in his shop what would its value be. This would be added to any other cash he may have to determine the total amount. He would then give 2.5% as Zaka. As this is an annual responsibility then it has to be understood that he would have the value of nisab on both ends of the year, i.e. the day which is set aside for calculating Zaka e.g. 1st Ramadan.

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