

**The first question of Fatwa no. 16045**

**Q 1: Some people have the habit of giving the Mahr (dowry) to the parents of the bride without giving their daughter anything. Is it legally valid to do that?**

**A:** It is permissible for the father to take a portion of the Mahr of his daughter if she is not in need for it and doing so causes her no harm. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"You and your property belong to your father." (Related by Ibn Majah)

The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said:

"The most pleasant of what you eat is that out of what you earn; and your children are from your earnings."

This Hadith was reported by the Five Compilers of Hadith (Imams Ahmad, Abu Dawud, Al-Tirmidhy, Al-Nasa'y and Ibn Majah).

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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