

Fatwa no. 4907

Q: A widespread practice these days is that when a man gives his daughter or sister in marriage, he fixes an advance amount of Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) and another deferred amount payable by the husband in case of divorce, which is called a debt. Is it permissible to stipulate this amount? If it is permissible; in the instance when the husband dies without divorcing his wife, does it remain a debt or not?

A: The entire Mahr or part of it can be paid in advance or deferred. The deferred amount should be paid when it becomes due. If no time is set for paying the Mahr, it must be paid when the husband divorces his wife. If he dies before paying it, it is to be paid from the deceased's inheritance.

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

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