

## **From The Archives Of Deoband-Ladies Jamaat**

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*FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE HEADQUARTERS – DAARUL ULOOM DEOBAND*

*CONSENSUS OF PAST AND PRESENT MUFTIS OF THE HEADQUARTERS – ENDORSED  
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### **TRANSLATION OF THE QUESTION AND THE FATWA**

**Question:** *What is the fatwa of the Ulama and the Muftis of the Deen on the issue of women going on Tableegh journeys accompanied by their mahrams? Is it permissible?*

*(Question asked by Haafiz Abdur Raheem, Masjid Kotawali, Dehli, India - 17 Safar 1371)*

This question was sent to Darul Ifta of Deoband Darul Uloom 61 years ago.

**ANSWER BY HADHRAT MUFTI SAYYID MEHDI HASAN, THE CHIEF MUFTI OF DAARUL ULOOM DEOBAND.** Hadhrat Mufti Sayyid Mehdi Hasan (rahmatullah alayh) was the Ustaadh of Hadhrat Maulana Masihullah (rahmatullah alayh), Hadhrat Mufti Mahmoodul Hasan Gangohi (rahmatullah) and of many other senior Ulama. Responding to the question, the Honourable Chief Mufti wrote:

“Women would not travel for tableegh during the age of Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) nor during the time of the Sahaabah (radhiyallahu anhum) nor during the time of the Taabieen (rahmatullah alayhim). Neither did Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) nor the Sahaabah instruct women to embark on journeys for the purpose of tableegh nor did they send women on tableegh journeys. It is thus established that it is **not permissible** for women to travel for the purpose of tableegh.

During the era of *Khairul Quroon* (the first three ages of Islam), if a woman required information (in a Deeni issue), she would approach the Holy Wives (of Rasulallah –sallallahu alayhi wasallam) or the wives of the Sahaabah.

Tableegh during that period was the responsibility imposed on men. Females through the medium of Purdah would learn the laws of the Deen. It was the function of men to educate their womenfolk regarding the *ahkaam* of the Deen. Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and the Sahaabah would travel for the purpose of tableegh and jihad. Generally they would not take women along.

When this was the state during that age of virtue, then how can it be permissible in this age of

vice and mischief for women to travel for the purpose of tableegh even if accompanied by their mahrams. The question: *How will tableegh be made to females?*, is not valid. Their menfolk should make tableegh to them and teach them the *ahkaam* of the Deen.

The menfolk themselves should acquire knowledge of the Deen from others who know. They should undertake journies to learn and to teach the Deen. If woman in general embark on tableegh journies, the doors of fitnah will open up. This state (of fitnah and evil) is today being observed. And, Allah knows best.

Signed:

(1) Mufti Sayyid Mehdi Hasan (The Chief Mufti of Daarul Uloom Deoband) 25 Safar 1371

(2) Mufti Saeed Ahmad (The Chief Mufti of Mazaharul Uloom, Saharanpur

(3) Mufti Abdul Lateef (Chief Superintendant, Mazaaharul Uloom, Saharanpur

(4) Mufti Habeebur Rahmaan (Daarull Uloom Deoband) 23 Rabiul Awwal 1432