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Question: The State Scholarships are financed by National Revenue Only. Can we accept such a Scholarship to pursue our Studies?

باسمه تعالى

Praise is due to Allah Almighty who guided us to the righteous path, And Durood o Salaam upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad "peace and blessings be upon him" and his Family and Companions.

According to Shariah Law, it is not allowed and not permissible to search out scholarship from the revenue of Lottery.

Lottery itself is an unlawful operation; it is a type of gambling which is clearly Haraam (forbidden) in the light of the Holy Quran.

It is stated in the Holy Quran:

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ
رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

O People who believe! Wine (all intoxicants), and gambling, and idols, and the darts are impure - the works of Satan, therefore keep avoiding them so that you may succeed.

[Maidah 5:90]

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ
وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيُصَدِّكُمْ عَنِ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ

The devil only seeks to instil hatred and enmity between you with wine and gambling, and to prevent you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer; so have you desisted?

[Maidah 5:91]

Allah Almighty has forbidden gambling (Lottery etc...) because of the following causes:

1. Gambling is impure, and thing which is impure is definitely Haraam (Unlawful).
2. Gambling is the work of Satan, and work which develop from Satan is Haraam (Unlawful)
3. It is an order to abstain from gambling, and to perform an act which has been ordered strictly to avoid, is Haraam (Unlawful).
4. It is a way to have a successful life in Aakhirah (hereafter) in staying away from gambling, and work which prevents us to have a winning life in hereafter is Haraam (Unlawful).
5. Satan wishes to create hatred and detestation in the heart of Al Insaan (People), and this (hatred) also is Haraam (Unlawful).
6. Satan wishes to create enmity between you, and this (enmity) is Haraam (Unlawful).
7. Satan wishes to prevent people from the remembrance of Allah Almighty, and work which makes people stop remembering Allah Almighty is Haraam (Unlawful).
8. To stay away from gambling is a compulsory act, and it is Haraam (Unlawful) to perform an act which has been commanded to stay away from.

Conclusion:

Lottery is a part and type of gambling which is Haraam (Unlawful), so its revenue also is impure and unlawful, so it is not permissible in Shariah Law.

It is better to search for another scholarship which is pure and Halaal (Lawful) according to the Holy Quran and saying of the Holy Prophet 'peace be upon him'.

Jazaakallah

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