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Question No 1: Is it true that Hadhrat Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” has ordered the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him” to tell the chaste wives of Holy Prophet to veil outside?

Question No 2: Is it true that Hadhrat Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” oppressed keenly on the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him”?

Question No 3: Is it true that the grueling of Hadhrat Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” on women was more than men?

Question No 4: What is the ruling if someone used some obnoxious word in the character of Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him”, such as ignorant, unknowing etc...

باسمه تعالى

Praise is due to Allah 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.

1. Firstly to say that the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him” enjoined his wives to veil outside by the injection of Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him”, so this is erroneous and wrong conception and incognizant from the source of divine religion. Because the Messengers have always ordered their disciples not the disciples ordered them.

The verity is that to veil is an order from Allah Almighty and the order is for all chaste wives of Holy Prophet “Peace and blessings be upon him” and for all Muslim women.

Allah Almighty said in Surah Al-Ahzaab Verse No 59:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لَأَزْوَاجِكُمْ وَبَنَاتِكُمْ وَنِسَاءَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلَابِيبِهِنَّ
ذَلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا يُؤْذَيْنَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

O Prophet! Tell your wives and daughters and Muslim women that they should keep a part of their headgear covered over their faces. This will be more proper, that they may be recognized and they should not be given any trouble. And Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

The great Muhaddith Imam Bukhari has quoted the reason of revelation for this verse in the following Hadith:

عن انس قال قال عمر رضى الله عنه قلت يا رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم
يدخل عليك البر والفاجر فلو أمرت أمهات المؤمنين بالحجاب
فانزل الله آية الحجاب

Narrated Umar “May Allah be pleased to him”: I said, “O Allah’s Messenger! Good and bad persons enter upon you, so I suggest that you order the mothers of the Believers (i.e. your wives) to observe veils.” Then Allah revealed the Verses of Al-Hijaab.

Bukhari Shareef, Hadith No. 4790, Book of explanation

It is confirmed by the above narration that Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” has only requested the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him” for the chaste wives to veil outside. And this request was full of love, amiableness and respectful for the chaste wives of the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him”.

Allah Almighty liked the courteous and motivation of Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him”, thereafter the Verse of Veil has revealed, wherefore the request of Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” has been praised and accepted by Allah Almighty.

2. An inferior and frivolous Muslim cant conceive to oppress keenly on the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him”, so how could it possible for Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” as a great and efficient Mu’min to oppress on the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him”, so this is a misunderstanding and incomprehensible thinking to say that Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” has oppressed keenly on the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him”.

3. This is not true and totally wrong that Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” was gruff and inflexible on women. The reality is that Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” was always exhorting people the proper way of Allah Almighty and the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him” wisely and sagaciously.

The full wisdom of Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” is clearly shown in the following narration:

عن عائشة رضى الله عنها قالت خرجت سودة بعد ما ضرب الحجاب لحاجتها وكانت امرأة أجسيمة
لا تخفى على من يعر فهافر آها عمر ابن الخطاب فقال يا سودة أما والله ما تخفين علينا فانظري كيف تخرجين؟
قالت فانكفأت راجعة ورسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فى بيتي وإنه ليبتعشى وفي يده عرق
فدخلت فقالت انى خرجت لبعض حاجتى فقال عمر كذا وكذا قالت
فاوحى الله تعالى اليه ثم رفع عنه ان العرق فى يده ما وضعه
فقال انه قد اذن لكن ان تخرجن لحاجتكن

Narrated Aisha “May Allah be please to her”, Sauda “May Allah be please to her” (wife of the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him” went out to answer the call of nature after it was made obligatory (for all Muslims ladies) to observe the veil. She was a fat huge lady, and

everybody who knew her before could recognize her. So Umar bin Al Khattab saw her and said, “O Sauda! By Allah, you cannot hide yourself from us, so think of a way by which you could not be recognized on going out. Sauda returned while Allah’s Messenger “Peace and blessings be upon him” was in my house taking his supper and a bone covered with meat was in his hand. She entered and said, “O Allah’s Messenger “peace and blessings be upon him” I went out to answer the call of nature and Umar said to me so and so.” Then Allah inspired him (the Holy Prophet) and when the state of inspiration was over and the bone was still in his hand and as he had not put in down, he said (to Sauda), “You (women) have been allowed to go out for your needs.”

*Bukhari Shareef, Hadith No. 4795, Book of explanation
Muslim Shareef, Hadith No. 2170, Book of Salaam
Al Mazhari Vol. 7, Page 384*

4. Ma’aazallah! Calling Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” as ignorant, unknowing person etc.... the caller himself is a big ignorant and illiterate.

Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” was the greatest learned savant amongst the companions in Quraan, Hadith, Fiqh etc....

It is sufficient to understand the status of Sayyiduna Umar “May Allah be pleased to him” in the following Hadith where the Holy Prophet “peace and blessings be upon him” said:

لو كان بعدى نبي لكان عمر

If there will be any Prophet after me, so definitely Umar will be that. (But it is confirmed that I am the Last Prophet).

This fatwa is very short, Insha Allah on an opportune occasion we will write more details on the above subject.

Allah Almighty and His Beloved know best.

Jazaakallah

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