

FREE HALEEM!

The scene of Muslims queuing up for Haleem at Masjids and other distribution points during Ramadhaan has become all too familiar with the Muslim community. While this maybe a commendable initiative from donors, the Jamiat has been alerted to some startling information.

It has been reportedly learnt that the monies donated towards certain Haleem schemes range from Zakaat, Fidya, and Fitrah to even Kaffarah. Benefit from these monies is exclusively reserved for the poor. It is therefore imperative that those responsible for organizing such distribution ensure that these monies are not collected or used in preparation of the Haleem which is enjoyed by rich and poor alike.

If these monies are used then it is incumbent on the distributors to inform Muslims that such food is reserved exclusively for the poor. It will not be permissible for the wealthy to partake.

It has been further reported that at certain places irregularities take place during the distribution process. Certain selected individuals have their packages kept aside even before the conventional distribution commences. This elite package will contain 2-3 extra naan and an Xtra-large bucket of Haleem. Such behaviour from people of affluence and in positions of authority is most shameful.

Based on the reports received, we perceive this problem to be quite widespread. We therefore suggest the following:

- Those wanting to partake from the Haleem distribution should enquire what funds are utilised in its preparation.
- The distribution should be just and systematic and not favourable to an elite few.
- Donors should ensure they do not donate their Zakaat, Fitrah etc in this avenue.
- Organisers should ensure the money collected is not Zakaat, Fitrah, Fidya etc.

May Allah Ta'aala grant us the Taufeeq (ability) to consume pure and Halaal.

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