

***The shar'ee law concerning the person who goes out for da'wat and tableegh
with its etiquettes and principles***

It is permissible for women to travel out of necessity with certain conditions. Negligence amongst the womenfolk with regards to deen is common. Since the first *maktab* is the lap of the mother, therefore if they distance themselves from deen, the harm is not only confined to themselves, rather it spreads to the generations to come after. Keeping in mind the above, the reformers of the *ummat* have given special consideration for the womenfolk in every era.

(Then the text from the foreword of Hazrat Moulana Thanwi's رحمه الله عليه *Behishti Zewar* from the second page is quoted): A century has almost elapsed since Hazrat Thanwi رحمه الله عليه has written that. In this lengthy period, the amount of indifference that is given to deen from both men and women alike has increased tremendously which is not in need of any explanation. This is why it is of utmost importance that the reformers of the *ummat* show a lot of concern towards what plans should be undertaken for the reformation of the women. Hazrat Hakeemul Ummat رحمه الله عليه had suggested that *deeni* knowledge be imparted to women and that they should be made aware of the *shariat*. Hazrat also authored *Behishti Zewar* wherein he had compiled the necessary *masaail* for women but it is very saddening that the Muslims do not even approve of using this prescription for the sick. That is why the need was felt for establishing these gatherings of deen for the *mastoorat* as well so that they may become aware of this. Therefore, the *akaabir* pondered over this system for a long while and the *Ulama* and pious people were consulted. After long consultations a special methodology was introduced. Upholding the commands of *shariat* in totality, strict conditions and special principles were laid down such as whichever lady intends going out in *jamat*, an influential *mahram* should accompany her. This means that if a girl is unmarried then it is necessary that her mother goes with her. Every lady should be dressed in such a cloak that has a veil completely covering herself etc. These *masturat jamats* only come out if these conditions are adhered to.

This humble servant has himself read the pre requisites that have been laid down. These are such rules that they cannot be bent for a moment also. I have also taken an active part with my womenfolk and whilst spending time with them I have come to see the entire system of operation wherein I have complete satisfaction.

Generally, what is thought when it is said that a *masturat jamat* will be coming out is that these women will also make *gusht* in the streets and market places whilst this is most definitely contrary to the reality. Wherever the *masturat jamat* goes to, firstly such a house is chosen wherein there is complete *pardah* and the laws of *hijab* are strictly maintained. The women of the *jamat* stay at the house whilst their *mahrams* stay in the *masjid*. Through the men of the area, their women are invited to the programme wherein they will listen to the talks of deen at this house. The slightest doubt of men mixing with women is something that is far fetched.

Alhamdulillah, there is a lot of benefit through the system of the *masturat jamat*. Many women are now starting to don the *hijab* in accordance to the *shariah*. A unique environment of *deen* has now been created in these houses. Therefore, this humble servant is a supporter of this noble work and encourages all the people of knowledge and *deen* that they should come out in this path with their *masturat* and see the benefits of it practically. *Insha Allah* they will see the countless benefits of it explicitly. (*Aap ke Masaail aur unka hal*) Page 186 Volume 8 of the new edition

Responding to another question, Moulana writes:

I have stored your letter. I do not have the time to read long writings. I, however hold the same view that those conditions with which the people of *tabligh* take out *masturat jamats* is totally necessary and *Insha Allah* there will be a lot of goodness and blessings. (Page 187 of the same *kitab*)