147825 - He gets the product and sells it for his own benefit when the item is not available in the store where he works

the question

I work in an auto parts store. When a customer comes to me and I do not have what he is looking for, I get it for him from my neighbour for the best price, then I sell it to him and keep the difference for myself.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not permissible for a worker or employee in a store to sell for his own benefit, whether the product is available in the store or not, because the time at work belongs to the owner of the store. So he has no right to use that time for anything that does not serve the interests of the owner, because according to business custom, this is regarded as a betrayal and cheating the business.. That is because usually, if the worker does not find the product in his store, he will buy it from his neighbour and sell it to the customer for the benefit of the store owner, not for his own benefit.

Based on that, what you are doing is contrary to your employment contract and it is cheating and betraying the store owner.

Based on this, you have to refrain from doing this action and repent to Allah, may He be exalted, from this haraam earning. You have to work out how much money you acquired in this way and put it in the store, because it belongs to the owner of the store and it does not belong to you.

And Allah knows best.