

105320 - There is no zakah on birds

the question

We have birds at home which we feed and raise. Is zakah due on them?.

Detailed answer

Zakah is due on an'aam animals (camels, cattle and sheep), if they reach the nisaab (minimum threshold) and graze freely, eating plants that grow in the ground, and their owner does not spend money on feed for them.

See the answer to question no. [40156](#).

With regard to other animals, no Zakah is due on them, unless they are prepared for sale (trading).

If these birds are being raised for sale, to make money from them, then Zakah is due on their value at the end of the year. If they are being raised for some purpose other than sale or trade, then no Zakah is due on them.

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked: Some people raise birds – is any Zakah due on them?

He replied: If those who raise birds do so for the purpose of trade, then Zakah is due from them, because they are trade goods, i.e., the person buys and sells them and earns money thereby.

But if they want to raise them to eat them or sell those that are surplus to their needs, then no Zakah is due on them, because Zakah is only due on three kinds of animals: camels, cattle and sheep, subject to the well known conditions. End quote.

Majmoo' Fatawa Ibn 'Uthaymeen (18/54).

And Allah knows best.