

153089 - She works as a sales rep and the company gives a discount to its employees; can she buy for others and take the discount?

the question

I have a question regarding earning halaal. i work as a representative for AVON AL-ARABIA COSMETICS AND PERFUMES COMPANY in saudi arabia. only women can be a representative. Its a direct selling company, the company gives us a brouchure which contains products information and price. we show that magazine to our female friends, they choose the product then we order that product for her. we, yaani the members get discount on the products that we buy and not the salary. for example, if i order products for 350 riyals then i will get a 25% discount that is 87 riyals, so on receiving the products i will pay 263 riyals to the company. the 87 riyals would be my earning because i will sale the product on regular price that is 350 saudi riyal. is this type of earning is halal? moreover the brouchure contains picture of women so when i get the catalog i always color the image black with a marker because keeping images is forbidden in islam. is that sufficient or i have to quit this job. more over the products are made in england, poland and paris. as many muslims are facing problems in france and paris because they observe hijaab so is it permissible for me to deal with the makeup products that are made in paris. Is it akin to helping the kuffaar against muslims? Please do reply as i am worried about my job..i want to earn rizq-e-halal.

Detailed answer

If the company allows the rep to buy products for herself and gives the discount mentioned even when she sells the products to customers, there is nothing wrong with what you have mentioned. But if the discount is given only to the rep when she buys for herself, then it is not permissible for her to pretend to buy for herself in order to get the discount, because that is deceiving the company and harming it, and it is not permissible to take the wealth of a Muslim unless he gives it willingly. What matters here is whether the company knows and gives permission. If it knows you are ordering products for yourself and you will give them to your customers, and it still gives you the discount, then there is nothing wrong with it in that case.



Secondly:

What you have mentioned about covering the images with a black marker is a good action and it is sufficient in your case.

Thirdly:

There is nothing wrong with your selling products from these countries, because the basic principle is that it is permissible to engage in trade with the kuffaar, whether they are in a state of war with the Muslims or are at peace with them.

For more information please see the answer the question no. 67745.

And Allah knows best.