

155097 - Can a Wife Ask about Family Budget in Islam?

the question

I would like to know how much the wife can ask her husband about family budget, our expenses, loans etc...I feel not comfortable if my husband hides some of these things. Is it normal for the husband to share all this with me? Or do I ask too much? Sometimes I feel he is uncomfortable when I start asking him. Our budget is together, i give him my salary, if i need something i always ask him.

Summary of answer

In Islam, if the husband solely bears the family expenses, he is not obligated to share financial details. However, if the wife contributes from her own income, she has the right to know how her money is spent. Transparency becomes a matter of mutual respect and fairness.

Detailed answer

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Islam's Stance on Financial Responsibility in Marriage

Islam has made it obligatory upon the husband to spend on his wife [on a reasonable basis](#), according to what he can afford. And it does not oblige the wife to spend on herself even if she is rich, except with her willing consent, and that is by way of kindness and helping her husband.

Among the things that the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said in his sermon during the Farewell Pilgrimage is the following: "Fear Allah with regard to women ... Their

rights over you are that you should provide for them and clothe them in a reasonable manner.”
(Narrated by Muslim, 1218)

Imam An-Nawawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said in *Sharh Muslim*, 8/184: This indicates that it is obligatory to spend on the wife’s maintenance and clothing. This is established by scholarly consensus. (End quote)

Does The Husband Have the Right to Dispose of His Wife’s Salary?

[It is not permissible for the husband to take anything from his wife’s salary](#) except what she gives willingly. Anything he takes apart from that is forbidden.

When Is a Husband Not Required to Share Financial Details?

If the husband spends on his wife from his own wealth on a reasonable basis, then it is not within her rights that he should tell her how much he has and how much his savings are, or how he plans his finances and so on.

Can a Muslim Wife Demand to Know the Family Budget?

If the wife contributes her salary to the family expenses, then it is her right to know where and how her money was spent, and how much of the monthly household budget she is supporting and so on, and this becomes more important if she asks for that. Otherwise it is within her rights to withhold her contribution altogether.

For more details, please refer to the following answers: ([146876](#), [103422](#), [468827](#), [4037](#))

And Allah knows best.