408544 - Ruling on subscribing to an app for marketing international products in return for daily profit

the question

I am working on an app on the Internet called OrderGo, which belongs to a company that markets products to international websites such as Wish, Amazon and so on, which are international websites that sell products such as shoes, clothing, electronics, and daily needs. Working on the app involves marketing through two clicks: with the first click you buy a product from the website, then with the second click you sell it for a small commission. Thus I will have raised the value of the product on the website. The idea is to deposit a sum of money in the app so that you will be able to buy and sell. The more money I deposit, the higher price product I can get and make more money. For example, if I deposit fifty dollars, I can make a profit every day of approximately one and a half or two dollars. If I deposit three hundred dollars, I can get approximately ten dollars per day, but the deposit and the profit are in crypto currency the price of which is pegged to the price of the dollar (USDT). Then I can exchange it for dollars when I want to withdraw the money from the program, by selling it to people who exchange crypto currency. I can withdraw the money and the profits whenever I wish. Is working on this program halaal or haraam?

Detailed answer

It is not permissible to subscribe to the app mentioned, or to work on programming it or to help with it in any way, because it is based on gambling which is haraam. That is because the subscriber pays money in the hope of getting more by clicking on products, and this may or may not happen. Gambling means certain loss and possible gain.

Al-Bujayrimi (may Allah have mercy on him) said: Gambling is something that is done with the possibility of either gaining or losing." (*Haashiyat al-Bujayrimi ‘ala Sharh al-Manhaj* 4/376).

Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) said: Gambling – which is any transaction in which there is the possibility of either gaining or losing, and the one who is

involved in it does not know whether he will be a winner or a loser – is haraam in all cases. In fact it is a major sin, and it is obvious to anyone that it is reprehensible when he sees that Allah, may He be exalted, mentions it alongside idol worship, khamr (intoxicants) and divining arrows." (*Fataawa Islamiyyah* 4/441).

Moreover, these illusionary transactions that are done to raise the value of the items sold involve deceit and cheating the purchasers, and deceit is haraam; in fact, it is a major sin, because the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: “Whoever deceives us is not one of us.” Narrated by Muslim in his *Saheeh*, no. 101.

Please see also the answer to question no. 406946 .

And Allah knows best.