

To Whom It May Concern,

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.

I, **Ammaar Nunkoo**, a Mauritian national, and graduate in **Sharī‘ah (Islamic Law)** from the **Islamic University of Madinah (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)**, hereby testify as follows:

I confirm that my brother, **Musaab bin Umair Nunkoo**, a Mauritian national who holds a degree in ‘**Aqīdah** and a **Masters in ‘Aqīdah** from **Umm al-Qurā University (Makkah al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)**, approached qualified scholars to seek religious verdicts (fatāwā) on behalf of **Mr. Irshad Kurmally**, founder of **LittlePearls Pre-Primary & Primary School**, regarding the permissibility of using **Zakāt** funds in the following scenarios:

1. Debt incurred for the purchase of computers and IT equipment used for educational delivery at the school
2. Outstanding debts owed to suppliers for construction and renovation works of the school
3. Payment of salaries of teachers and other staff
4. Payment of rent for the school premises

I further testify that **Musaab bin Umāyr Nunkoo** duly conveyed the above questions to recognized scholars, and that the following responses were received:

**Response 1:**

و عليكم السلام ورحمة الله وبركاته

حياكم الله

مادامت في بلد غير مسلمة فهي داخله في مصرف (في سبيل الله)؛ لأنها من جهاد الدعوة، كما عليه جماعة من الأئمة

وقفكم الله

*And peace and mercy of Allah be upon you.*

*May Allah grant you well-being.*

*As long as the project operates in a non-Muslim country, it falls under the category of “fi sabilillah”, because it constitutes jihād through da‘wah (propagation of Islam). This view is held by a group of eminent scholars.*

*May Allah grant you success.*

– Dr. Fakhr al-Dīn al-Zubayr

**Response 2**

إذا لم يجدوا إلا من الزكاة فيجوز  
.. لعموم قوله تعالى ( وفي سبيل الله ) فيدخل في ذلك العلم والدعوة الى الله

*If they do not find any source of funds other than Zakāt, then it is permissible to use it.*

*This is based on the general meaning of the statement of Allah Most High, “and in the cause of Allah (fī sabīlillāh)”, which includes knowledge and the call (da‘wah) to Allah.*

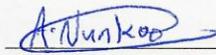
– Sheikh Fahd al-‘Umārī

Judge of Appeal and Member of the Council of Fatwā and Guidance  
Al-Masjid al-Ḥarām, Makkah al-Mukarramah

This testimony is provided to confirm that the above questions were asked on behalf of **Mr. Irshad Kurmally** and that the scholarly responses cited above were received and transmitted accurately, without addition or omission.

Allah knows best.

والله أعلم



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