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Q1.

- 1) Is it permissible for a healthy woman to use, temporarily, any kind of contraceptive methods that prevent the implantation of the embryo in the uterine wall?
- 2) What is the view on using a device which, although not known how it prevents pregnancy yet, it is known as a method of contraception?
- 3) Is the sterilization of a woman, who is afraid of pregnancy as being dangerous to her, permissible?
- 4) Is it permissible to sterilize a woman who is known to be prone to bearing deformed or diseased children?

A:

- 1) There is no objection to that provided that it is done with the husband's permission.
- 2) It is not permissible if it leads to aborting the implanted embryo or to unlawful look and touching (when the device is fitted).
- 3) As the question goes, it is permissible to sterilize her. Indeed, it is not permissible for her to get pregnant intentionally if pregnancy poses any danger to her life.
- 4) There is no objection to it if it is done for a sensible reason, does not pose any considerable harm, and is done with the permission of the husband.

Q2. What is the view on carrying out a vasectomy on a man?

A: There is no objection to it in itself provided that it is done for a sensible reason and that it does not lead to considerable harm. However, to do so in order to prevent from increase in the population is disliked.

Q3. Is it permissible for a healthy woman for whom pregnancy is not harmful to use any of the contraceptives, such as coitus interruptus, the diaphragm, the pill, and sterilization? And is it permissible for the husband to force his wife to use any method other than coitus interruptus?

A: In itself, there is no problem in doing contraception by way of coitus interruptus. Nor is there any objection to resorting to any other method provided that it is driven by a sensible reason, it is not considerably harmful to her health, it is done with the permission of the husband, and does not entail *ḥarām* touching or looking. However, the husband has no right to force his wife to do so.

Q4. Is it permissible for a pregnant woman, who wants to be sterilized, to have a caesarean so that the procedure of sterilization can be done at the same time?

A: We have already discussed sterilization. As for the caesarean, going for it or not is dependent on the need for it, or the request of the pregnant woman. At any rate, it is *ḥarām* for a non-maḥram man carrying out the operation to touch or look at her during both procedures unless in necessary cases.



Q5. Is it permissible for the woman to use contraceptives without the permission of her husband?

A: It is problematic.

Q6. A man with four children underwent an operation of vasectomy, without the consent of his wife. Is he guilty for not obtaining his wife's approval?

A: Its permissibility does not depend on the consent of the wife and he is not liable.