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## Making Use of a Mosque's Yard - 20 /Sep/ 2019

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**Q.!** Do the rules pertaining to sanctified grounds apply to a mosque's yard if we cannot know whether the yard was included in the original dedication (*waqf*) of the mosque grounds? Also, is it permissible to set up a store in this canonically dubious yard provided that the revenue is used exclusively for the benefit of the mosque?

**A.!** If the sanctification of the yard cannot be ascertained with recourse to canonically prescribed methods, it is not subject to the rules pertinent to a mosque's sanctified grounds, and as such people who are in the ritually impure states of *janābah*<sup>[1]</sup> and *ḥayḍ* (menstruation) are permitted to enter the yard in question. Yet, it is impermissible to use the yard in question, in spite of its canonically dubious state, for commercial purposes.

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[1] *Janābah* is the state of ritual impurity resulting from sex or discharge of *manī*.