

Question 2193) - How are disputes between the spouses regarding dowry settled?

A:? There are different scenarios as follows:

1. The husband claims that the dowry is 1,000 and the wife claims that it is 2,000. The claim of whoever can produce evidence will be accepted.
2. If both produce evidence, then the wife's word will be taken.
3. If neither has evidence, then they will take oaths according to Imaam Abu Hanifah RAH. The marriage will not be cancelled. The ruling will be based on Mahr al-Mithl. If that is equal or less than the amount the husband stated, then the ruling will be according to his claim. If it is equal or more than what she said, then the ruling will be according to her claim. If Mahr al-Mithl is more than her amount and less than her amount then the ruling will be Mahr al-Mithl.

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