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Question

we are four brothers, we calculate our due zakat and fitrah money in the month of Ramadan and we accumulate it with parents then our parents disperse that money to needy people time to time before next Ramadan.( the concept for this that in the month of Ramadan all eligible muslims paid their zakat to needy people but after the month of Ramadan very few people paid their zakat to needy people, so to lookafter their needs after Ramadan we disperse amount according to their needs( marriage, funeral, medicine etc.) from that accumulated money.

My question is when will our zakat actually will paid off from our heads either in Ramadan or when that money is received by that needy people. Do we get sawab 70 times more or not.

Answer

**In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful**

**Assalamu 'alaykum wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**

In principle, zakat should be discharged as soon as it becomes due on a person without

delaying. However, there is scope to discharge the zakat later in time, if there is some valid excuse i.e. if needy (zakat eligible) people are not found.

*(Fatawa Shami, Vol.2, Pg.272, Saeed)*

Zakat will only be paid off when the Masraf (the person whom zakat is given to) gains possession of it. If the zakat is discharged in the month of Ramadhan, then it will be rewarded 70 times more.

*(Fatawa Darul Uloom Deoband, Vol.6, Pg.100, Darul Isha'at)*

**And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best  
Wassalamu 'alaykum**

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