

## **'Ushr on Fish, Makhana, Silk, etc ♦**

The decisions of the Sixth Seminar regarding charging of 'Ushr on certain crops were as under.

- 20.1 Things cultivated within water, e.g. *Makhaana*, *Singhaada* (water chestnut), etc. are akin to land produce as they cause *Istighlaal-e-Ardh*, hence these are liable for 'Ushr.
- 20.2 Fish-breeding done for commercial purposes does not fall in the category of land produce but comes under the classification of commercial commodity. Therefore, it will not be liable for 'Ushr but *Zakāt* will be payable on it.
- 20.3 In case *Shehtoot* (mulberry) is grown on an 'Ushri land for the purpose of extracting silk therewith and the mulberry leaves are used as food for the silkworms, it is held that 'Ushr will be liable on such mulberry leaves. Some participants are, however, of the view that such mulberry leaves will not be liable for 'Ushr but *Zakāt* will be liable on the silk obtained therefrom, like in the case of other commodities liable for *Zakāt*.

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