

## The Creation of *New Awwqāf* ♦

*Waqf* has been given enormous importance in the Islamic history. It is the institution of *Waqf* by which various great cultural, literary and public welfare tasks have been rendered successfully. Keeping these facts into consideration, the Fourteenth Seminar of Islamic Fiqh Academy proposes the following recommendations.

- 23.1 Effective measures have been taken up to get the Muslim *Awwqāf* in India rid of the illegal and illegitimate government or non-government control, to expand the *Awwqāf* property, to make them profitable and to invest the *Awwqāf* funds while taking care of the due provisions of Shariah in view of the current implications.
- 23.2 *New Awwqāf* should be created in order to fulfill the needs and the aspirations of the widows, divorcees, orphans, the sick and the needy.
- 23.3 'Educational funds' should be established to look after the needs of the needy students and to extend financial help to them in the form of scholarships and stipends.
- 23.4 'Fund for religious institutions' should be established for the betterment of religious centres and the Islamic Madrasas.
- 23.5 Philanthropists should participate wholeheartedly in this endeavour to accomplish the above-mentioned objectives in diverse fields and thus become entitled to the perennial Charity.