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Injunctions of Shariah about *Mehr* ♦

Islam has given a unique right to women in the form of *Mehr* (dower), which the bride receives from the bridegroom as a consequence of her marriage with him. This particular practice has become controversial nowadays due to the gradual devaluation of present currency, which renders *Mehr* almost insignificant at the time of actual payment of it. Hence, the Second Seminar of the IFA has taken up the matter and resolved as follows.

This Seminar has a strong feeling that *Mehr* should be fixed in terms of gold or silver so that the rights of the marrying women could be properly preserved and they could be saved from loss due to devaluation of the prevailing currency (in which *Mehr* is generally fixed) in the later days.

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