



Offering Salah behind women in case of necessity

The second question of Fatwa no. 7835

Q 2: There are Masjids (mosques) where women perform Salah (prayer) behind men. When Iqamah (call to start the prayer) is announced, women stand in rows behind the rows of men. A person may not be able to reach the men's rows as there is no vacant place. What should they do in this case? Can they perform Salah behind the women's rows or should they leave until the women leave? Can they perform Salah in another place?

A: The basic rule is that men follow the Imam and women's rows are at the back of the Masjid in order that men who come late can join the men's rows. Women should give way to men to join the men's rows. If men do not find a way to reach their rows, they can stand in rows behind the women's rows due to this necessity. Their Salah will be valid.

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