



First question of Fatwa no. 9097

Q 1: My question is regarding governesses who come from abroad to gain their livelihood and work for rich families. Is it permissible for a father to have sexual intercourse with the governess of his child as a person may do with his slave girl?

A: The governesses which are mentioned in the question are not Shar`y (Islamic legal) slaves for the fathers of such children. Accordingly, it is Haram (prohibited) for fathers to have sexual intercourse with them for doing so is considered Zina (adultery).

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Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts, from illegal sexual acts) ﴾ Except from their wives or (the slaves) that their right hands possess, — for then, they are free from blame ﴾ But whoever seeks beyond that, then those are the transgressors ﴾ May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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