

Rules of Qibla

Issue No.1- One should offer one's prayers facing Qibla (the holy Ka'bah), which is situated in Makkah. However, a person who is far, he would stand in such a manner that people would say that he is praying facing the Qibla.

Issue No.2- A person offering obligatory prayers while standing should have his chest and stomach facing the Qibla, and his face should not digress from Qibla. But it is not Wajib that the toes of his feet should also be facing Qibla.

Issue No.3- If a person offers prayers while sitting, it is necessary that his face, chest and stomach face the Qibla.

Issue No.4- If a person cannot offer prayers in the sitting posture, he should lie on the right hand side in such a manner that the front part of the body would face the Qibla. And if that is not possible, he should lie on the left hand side in such a manner that the front part of his body would face the Qibla. And if even that is not possible, he should lie on his back in such a manner, that the sole of his feet face the Qibla.

Issue No.5- Ihtiyat prayer, and forgotten Sajdah, and forgotten tashahhud should all be offered facing the Qibla, and on the basis of obligatory precaution, Sajda-e-Sahv should also be offered facing the Qibla.

Issue No.6- A Mustahab Prayer can be offered while one is walking, or riding, and if a person offers Mustahab prayers in

these two conditions, it is not necessary that he should be facing the Qibla.

Issue No.7- A person who wishes to offer prayers, should make efforts to ascertain the direction of Qibla, and for that, he has to either be absolutely sure, or acquire such information as may amount to certainty, like testimony of two reliable persons or one reliable expert person.

Issue No.8- If a person does not possess any means of determining the direction of Qibla, or in spite of his efforts, he cannot form an idea about it, it will be sufficient for him to offer his prayers facing any direction, if the time is very short. But if he has sufficient time, then as an obligatory precaution, he should offer his prayers four times, each time he should face one of the four directions.

Issue No.9- If a person is sure or guesses that Qibla is on one of the two or three directions, he should offer prayers facing them.
