

Fatwa no. 13938

Q: Someone made a marriage proposal to marry my daughter. My daughter and I were satisfied with his character and Din (religion). Nevertheless, my wife did not accept such proposal for no obvious reason. I have tried a lot with my wife that she might change her mind but in vain. I am afraid that if we refuse the concerned proposal, we will not get a similar good fiancé for our daughter in future. Do we thus have to neglect my wife's opinion lest she should not be satisfied with any other proposal, or do we have to follow her opinion until she agrees to a marriage proposal?

A: You may marry your daughter to the person that you and your daughter are satisfied with. The opposition of your wife is to be disregarded. However, you and your daughter have to treat your wife with that which is the best as much as you can. The foregoing is supported by a Hadith in which the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

If someone with a satisfactory standard of faith and good conduct comes to you seeking marriage, then give him (your daughter, sister, etc) in marriage. If you refuse, that will lead to the spread of great corruption in the land.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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