Fatwa no. 11147

Q: A group of colleagues have got together and agreed that each one of them will pay a sum of money from their January salary, for example, and give this money to one of them. The same sum will be given to another of them in February, and so on, until they have all had the same amount. The one who will have the money each month will be chosen either by drawing lots, the one who needs the money most, or by any other way they agree on.

May Allah guide the Muslims to what pleases Him.

A: We do not know of there being anything wrong with that, because the benefit is shared without committing anything forbidden by Shari'ah (Islamic law). It only entails deferring the repayment of the loan, which is not a problem, according to the more correct of the two opinions of the scholars.

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

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