Fatwa no. (4146):

Q 1: Is it Haram (prohibited) to sell gold for men, whether pure or impure? Given that the used gold is 14-, 18- or 21-carats. Is it considered a major or a minor sin?

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A: It is Haram for men to wear gold, according to the evidence reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him) which proves that it is forbidden. It is one of the major sins, and it is Haram to sell it to men who are known to wear it.

Q 2: Some honest men protested that if this issue had been absolutely prohibited, the state would have forbidden it, especially that it is the one that applies the rulings of the Qur'an in many issues. What is the ruling on this?

A: The One Who permits and prohibits things is Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him). A Mukallaf (person meeting the conditions to be held legally accountable for their actions) is responsible for their own actions, whether in sayings, deeds or beliefs. If a person finds something difficult in the matters of religion, they should ask the scholars, as Allah says, (So ask (you, O pagans of Makkah) of those who know the Scripture, if you know not. )The state does not forbid selling it, because it is worn by women and it is Halal (lawful) for them. It is also known to all Muslims that it is forbidden for men.

Q 3: If it is established that it is Haram, what should we do with the huge amounts of gold we have, especially that they constitute at least half of our trade, and it is estimated at millions?

A: The gold which is not suitable for women to wear might be transferred into something that is suitable for them, or the part of it which is suitable for women, sold to them.

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