

The first question of Fatwa no. 5371

Q 1: It happens that some people ask me to sell them cars paying by installments. If any of the cars is not available at the time they ask me, I agree with them on the value after they provide me with the description of the cars they want. Then, I buy the car for them and bring it to the purchaser if it fits the description he asked for. Then it will belong to him and if it does not, he is not forced to buy it because he has the choice to look and examine the car. Could you kindly guide us regarding the validity of this transaction. May Allah reward you!

A: If the reality is as you have mentioned, that you conclude an agreement with the person who wants to buy the car on credit by fixing its value and that he gives you its description then you fetch it for him later, then this transaction is prohibited. This is so because you are selling what you do not possess. It is authentically reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: (A loan and a sale are not lawful (together), or two conditions in one sale, or to make a gain of something that is not yet secured, or to sell what you do not have.)

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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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