

Who should be her guardian for marriage, her step-father or her maternal uncle?

Answered by Permanent committee of scholars¹

Question: Is it permissible for the mother's husband to act as a guardian for his step-daughter? And is he given precedence over her maternal uncle? Keeping in mind that we do not know anything about her father, and he does not ask about his daughter, and he is outside of the city which we are in. We hope for some clarity from you, may Allah reward you with good.

Permanent committee of scholars: The mother's husband is not a guardian for his step-daughter as it relates to marriage, neither is her maternal uncle. The only guardians for the woman (as it relates to marriage) are her male relatives on the **father's side** in relation to their closeness to her. The first of them is her father, then her paternal grandfather, then her son, (then her grandson) and then her brother from both parents; and then her brother from her father's side; and then the remaining (males on the father's side of her family).

And with Allah lies all success and may the blessing and peace of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and his companions.

(الجزء رقم : 18، الصفحة رقم: 174)

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