

Six doubts which may be ignored in Salaat

1. Doubt

Did I perform my ruku?



Doubt about an act whose time of performance has already passed.

2. Doubt

Did I perform my 2nd sajdah?



Doubt occurring after the 'Salaam' of prayers.

3. Doubt

Did I pray my Asr prayers?



I pray 3 rak'ats of Namaz e Maghrib Wajib Qurbatan illallah

Doubt arises after the Salaat time has passed.

4. Doubt

In the last Rak'at I had the same doubt and in this Rak'at too. I do not know how many Rak'ats I recited?



Doubt of a person, who doubts too much.

5. Doubt

I do not know how many Rak'ats I prayed.



Doubt either by an Imam or a ma'mum. In that case, whoever is in doubt will follow the one who is sure.

6. Doubt

I doubt even in the Mustahab Salaat!



Doubt which occurs in Mustahab Salaat and Namaz-e-Ihtiyat.

Nine doubts that are Valid

1. Doubt

Is it my 2nd or 3rd Rak'at?



Solution
Consider that it is the 3rd Rak'at and finish the salaah after the 4th Rak'at

Thereafter

Recite 1 Rak'at Namaz-e-Ihtiyat standing (normally)

Doubt appears after the 2nd Sajdah.

2. Doubt

Is it my 2nd or 4th Rak'at?



Solution
Consider that it is the 4th Rak'at and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

Recite 2 Rak'ats Namaz-e-Ihtiyat standing (normally)

Doubt appears after the 2nd Sajdah.

3. Doubt

Is it my 2nd, 3rd or 4th Rak'at?



Solution
Consider that it is the 4th Rak'at and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

Recite Namaz-e-Ihtiyat 2 Rak'ats (standing) and 2 Rak'ats (sitting)

Doubt appears after the 2nd Sajdah.

4. Doubt

Is this my 4th or 5th Rak'at?



Solution
Consider that it is the 4th Rak'at and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

Recite 2 Sajdah e Sahv

Doubt appears after the 2nd Sajdah.

5. Doubt

Is it my 3rd, or 4th Rak'at?



Solution
Consider that it is the 4th Rak'at and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

Recite Namaz-e-Ihtiyat 1 Rak'at (standing) or 2 Rak'ats (sitting)

Doubt occurring at any stage of prayer.

6. Doubt

Is this my 4th or 5th Rak'at?



Solution
Sit and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

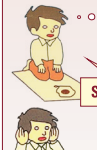
Recite Namaz-e-Ihtiyat 1 Rak'at (standing) or 2 Rak'ats (sitting)

It is also recommended perform 2 Sajdah-e-Sahv for an extra Qiyam.

Doubt appears during Qiyam.

7. Doubt

Is this my 3rd or 5th Rak'at?



Solution
Sit and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

Recite Namaz-e-Ihtiyat 2 Rak'ats (standing) and 2 Rak'ats (sitting)

It is also recommended perform 2 Sajdah-e-Sahv for an extra Qiyam.

Doubt appears during Qiyam.

8. Doubt

Is it my 3rd, 4th or 5th Rak'at?



Solution
Sit and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

Recite Namaz-e-Ihtiyat 2 Rak'ats (standing) and 2 Rak'ats (sitting)

It is also recommended perform 2 Sajdah-e-Sahv for an extra Qiyam.

Doubt appears during Qiyam.

9. Doubt

Is this my 5th or 6th Rak'at?



Solution
Sit and finish the Salaat

Thereafter

Recite 2 Sajdah e Sahv

It is also recommended perform 2 Sajdah-e-Sahv for an extra Qiyam.

Doubt appears during Qiyam.

Seven doubts which makes Salaat VOID

1. Doubt

Is it my 1st or 2nd Rak'at?



Doubts occurring in obligatory prayers which consist of 2 Rak'ats like Fajr prayers or Qasr prayers.

2. Doubt

How many Rak'ats have I performed?



Doubts occurring in obligatory prayers which consists of 3 Rak'ats, that is, Maghrib prayers.

3. Doubt

How many Rak'ats have I performed?



Doubts occurring in prayers of 4 Rak'ats as to whether one has performed one Rak'at or more.

4. Doubt

I will perform my 2nd sajdah but I am unsure if I am at my 2nd or 3rd Rak'at?



Doubt in prayers of 4 Rak'ats before going to the second sajdah, as to whether he has performed 2 Rak'ats or more.

5. Doubt

Is this my 2nd, 5th or 6th Rak'at?



Doubts between 2 and 5 Rak'ats or between 2 and more than 5 Rak'ats.

6. Doubt

Is this my 3rd, 6th or 7th Rak'at?



Doubts between 3 and 6 Rak'ats or between 3 and more than 6 Rak'ats.

7. Doubt

Is this my 4th, 6th or 7th Rak'at?



Doubts between 4 and 6 Rak'ats or between 4 and more than 6 Rak'ats.

How to recite the Namaz-e-Ihtiyat?



Do the niyyat immediately after the Salaam of prayers, and pronounce Takbir and recite Surah Al-Hamd and then perform Ruku, two Sajdahs, Tashahud and Salaam. Do not recite other Surahs or Qunoot. The namaz must be recited silently, even the niyyat and Bismillah.

Sajdatus Sahv (Sajdah for forgotten acts)

Sajdatus Sahv become necessary for 5 things:

1. For talking forgetfully during prayers.
2. Reciting Salaam at the wrong place.
3. Forget the Tashahud.
4. When there is a doubt in a 4 Rak'at prayers, after second Sajdah, as to whether the number of Rak'ats performed is 4 or 5, 4 or 6.
5. When after namaz, one realises that he has either omitted or added something by mistake, but that omission or addition does not render the prayers void.



How to recite Sajdatus Sahv?

Immediately after the Salaam of prayers, one should make a niyyat of performing Sajdah, placing one's forehead, as an obligatory precaution, on an object which is allowed. It is a recommended precaution that Zikr be recited, and a better Zikr is: "Bismillahi wa billah assalamu 'alayka ayyuhan Nabiyyu wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh."

Then one should sit up and perform another Sajdah reciting the above mentioned Zikr. After performing the second Sajdah one should sit up again and recite tashahud and then say: "Assalamu 'alaykum"; it is better to add to it: Wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh."