

Is it Permissible to Apply Deodorant to the Body Before the Intention of Ihram?

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Question

What do the scholars of Islam say regarding the following matter: can one apply deodorant to the body before making the intention of Ihram (the sacred state for Hajj or 'Umrah) to avoid body odour?

Answer

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

Applying perfume or fragrance to the body before making the intention of Ihram is a Sunnah and is proven from the blessed practice of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Therefore, in the above scenario, if a person applies deodorant to the body before making the intention of Ihram to avoid odour, it is permissible and correct; in fact, it is ideal.

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ knows best.)

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