150554 - Enjoying looking at his wife with whom he has done the marriage contract via the internet

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I am a young man who did the marriage contract (nikaah) then travelled to Saudi; I talk to my wife on the internet and it is possible for her to show me part of her body whilst talking to me. Is that haraam or halaal? Please note that I have done the marriage contract but have not consummated the marriage with her.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is permissible for a woman with whom the marriage contract has been done to uncover part of her body or adornment to the one who did the marriage contract with her, because she is his wife, and Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"5. And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts, from illegal sexual acts)

6. Except from their wives or (the slaves) that their right hands possess, __ for then, they are free from blame;

7. But whoever seeks beyond that, then those are the transgressors"

[al-Mu'minoon 23:5-7].

There is nothing wrong with that being done via the internet, so long as the conversations or pictures are not preserved, and so long as precautions are taken to ensure that no one has access to them or is spying on them.

But we do not advise anyone to do that, because it may result in someone else seeing those images and because it may lead to extreme provocation of desire for either party at a time when there is no legitimate way of fulfilling it; this may push them towards masturbation which is forbidden in sharee'ah.

See also the answer to questions no. 108872 and 115669.

And Allah knows best.