Fatwa no. 367

Q: A person divorced his wife twice in writing and took her back in marriage. He then divorced her for the third time also in writing. Is it still permissible for him to take her back in marriage?

A: If the reality is as mentioned; that he divorced his wife two times in writing and took her back in marriage after each time, then divorced her for the third time in writing and sent her to her family, this is considered a major irrevocable divorce. This entails that it is unlawful for him to remarry her unless she marries another person, not for the purpose of Tahlil (a marriage contracted for the sole purpose of legalizing remarriage between an irrevocably divorced couple), and this marriage ends lawfully.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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