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STUDY ON THE
STATUS OF LOAD OF BASTA
IN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Subject: STATUS OF LOAD OF BASTA (SACHEL)
OF PRIMARY SCHOOL

In pursuance of the order of the Director General, the following ten schools 5 Urban, 5 rural in Islamabad and Rawalpindi were visited for collecting information on the load and content of primary school Basta:

Urban

- (i) Federal Govt. Junior Model School No.2, Islamabad
- (ii) F.G. Primary School No.6, Islamabad
- (iii) F.G. Primary School No.1, Islamabad.
- (iv) Provincial Govt. Primary School APWA Rwp.
- (v) Provincial Govt. Middle School for Boys Tench Bhata.

Rural

- (vi) F.G. Boys Middle School Noor Pur Shahan
- (vii) F.G. Girls Primary School Noor Pur Shahan
- (viii) F.G. Girls Primary School No.21 Quaid-i-Azam University, Colony.
- (ix) Provincial Govt. Primary School for girls Rinal
- (x) Provincial Govt. Middle School for Boys Rinal

Relevant information on the following items were collected, verified and discussed with the staff of the concerned school;

- i. Number of subjects being taught in the school,
- ii. Number of exercise books being used by the students in different grades.
- iii. Other material such as slate, takhti Lunch box, Pencil box etc.

A sample survey of ten primary schools and primary sections of the middle schools was conducted in Urban and Rural

areas of Islamabad and Rawalpindi Districts. After visiting each class of the school concerned, a sample of 3-5 students were selected for ascertaining the load of basta.

The basta was weighed as a whole and then exercises books and text books were also separately weighed. The result of the weight of the Basta for different grades is as under:

1. Grade	2. Load of full basta *		3. Load of Text Books	4. Load of Empty Bag	5. Load of Takhti & Slate
	Urban	Rural			
Class 1st	1.5 K.G.	1.5 K.G.	0.5 K.G. to 1KG	0.25 K.G.	0.75
Class 2nd	2.5 K.G.	2.5 K.G.	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Class 3rd	3.00 K.G.	2.25 K.G.	1.0 K.G. to 1.5 KG	0.500 K.G.	"
Class 4th	4.5 K.G.	4.5 K.G.	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Class 5th	5.0 K.G.	4.5 K.G.	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "

Following subjects are taught in Primary Schools:

Class I (Urban Islamabad)

English
Urdu
Maths
Social Studies
General Science
Islamiyat

Class I (Urban Rawalpindi)

English
Urdu
Maths
General Science
Islamiyat
Qurani Qaida

Class 5th (Rural Islamabad)

Urdu
English
Maths
General Science
Social Studies
Islamiyat

* It includes text books; exercise books; slate; takhti and, in Urban schools, lunch boxes and other eatables etc.

Class 5th (Rural Rawalpindi)

Urdu
Maths
General Science
Social Studies
Islamiyat

English has recently been introduced in class I in all Federal Government Educational Institutions and some of the Provincial Schools also started teaching english from class I.

FINDINGS

1. The actual load of the prescribed text-books is not very heavy but the exercise books, slate and takhti have increased the load of the basta. In FGEIs, students are advised to maintain multiple exercise books.
2. The size of the text-books, particularly at the Junior level of the Primary School is large which compels the students to carry the large bag made of canvas cloth which itself is a bulky material.
3. Takhti and slates are rarely used in the class but students are required to bring with them. The takhti is written by the students at home and it is not washed/cleaned in the school for re-writing.
4. The survey and the discussion with the teachers reveals that the hue and cry raised about the load of basta emanates from the parents in the Urban areas specially in the English medium schools.
5. Unauthorized guide books are being used in the Urban and Rural Primary Schools for Boys in Rawalpindi District.