# Madrassah Reform: Politics, Policy or Polemics

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## **Sequence**

- Growth of Madaris
- Social and Political Role
- National Reform Strategy for Madaris

(Case Study based Analysis)

# Madaris – National Statistics

- 2003 MoE Report
- 1995 Report.
- Quality of Data
  - Urban Vs Rural
  - Karachi (979), ICT (144) and Bhawalpur (240 ??) (900 in 1994)
- Official surveys –Directory.

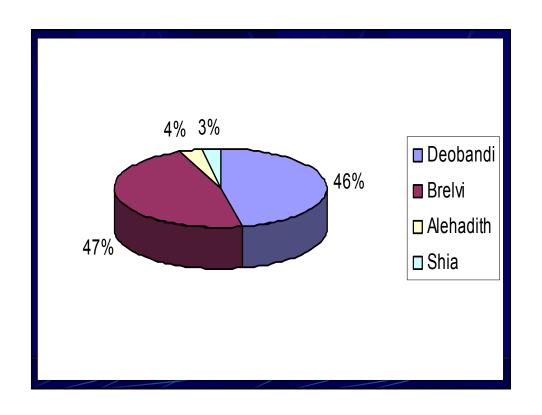
## **Growth?**

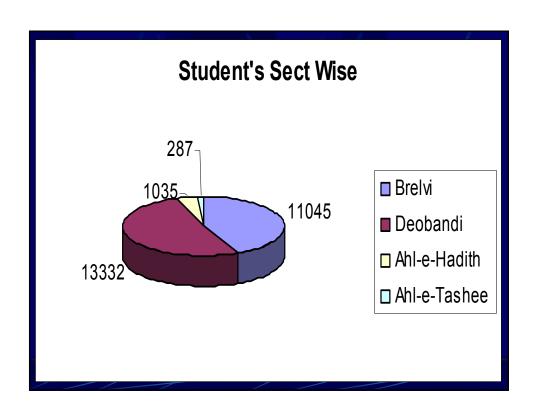
Punjab	3153	4969
NWFP	1283	1538
Sindh	905	2012
Baluchistan	692	1045
Total	6761	10430

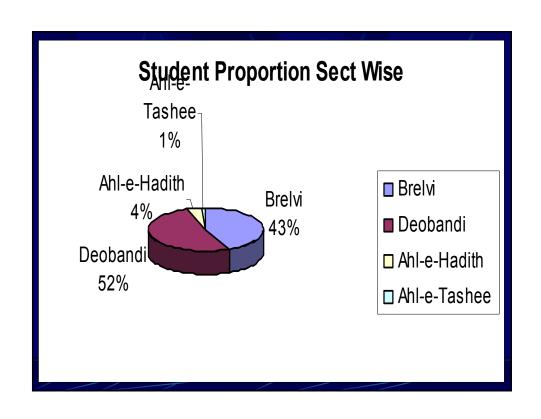
137 (1947), 244 (1956)--- Growth Rate ??
Dr Mahmud Ghazi's Data!

# **APE-Case Study**

- Total 187Villages
- 355 Madaris (39 Registered)
- Only 9% receiving Zakat.
- 28027 students (13332 Deobandi & 11045 brelvi)
- Boys Schools 117 (21732 Students)
- Girls Schools 69 (11317 Students)
- **9** 266 (1994) ---355 (2004)
- Many Areas with Similar Trends

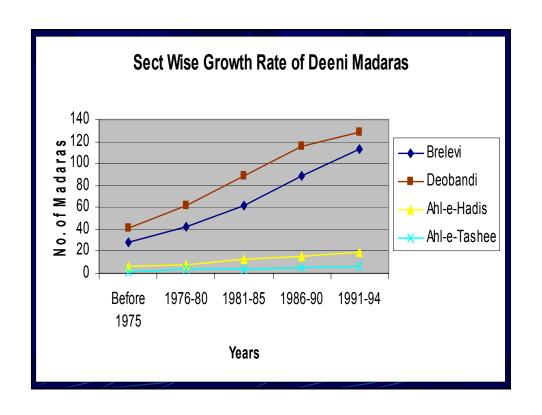






## **ICT-Madaris**

- 117 Madaris (70 Deobandi, Brelvis 41, Shia 4, Al Hadith 2)
- 14194 Students (Girls Included)
- 80% on State Land (Green Belts and Protected Areas)
- 15 Registered.
- Post 9/11 Trend ??
- Demographics of Urban Madaris



### **Madaris Political and Social Role**

- Madrassahs: factional, religious, political and cultural conflict.
- Madrassah education creates barriers to modern knowledge, stifling creativity and breeding intolerance?

	Statistica	ll Profile of Sectarian T	errorists
		Shia	Sunni
	∖ge	Average age 20-30 years None less than 20 years	Average age 20-30 years 14% less than 20 years
<sup>2</sup> Edu	cation	39% Matric & below 30% illiterate 0% from Madrassas	36% Matric & below 19% illiterate 33% from Madrassas
3 Weapor	ns Training	100% in Pakistan	5% in Pakistan 95% abroad
4 Mot	ivation	66% by speeches / literature 26% reaction to SSP	93% by speeches / literature

Sect	Total Madaras	Involved in Sectranianism	Not Involved in Sectarianism	%
Deobandi	128	106	22	83%
Brailvi	113	22	91	19%
Ahl-e-Hadis	19	2	17	11%
Ahl-e-Tashi	6	4	2	67%
Total	266	134	132	50%



- 50% joined the madrassa for economic
- 41 percent for social reasons, and only about six percent for religious pursuit.
- About three percent said they joined the madrassas in search of education
- Tariq Rehman's Study (2003)
  - 76.6 % poor students , 60% teachers from same background.
  - Attitudinal study—comparison.
- IPS Study?
- Bangladesh Research

# Madrassah, Education and Politics

- MMA, 60 MNAs, Senators, 19 Ministers in Baluchistan.
- Some of Madrassah Managers are Ministers.
- Madrassah Graduates and Education department ??
- Politically Possible Policy.

	Political Party	Number of Affiliated Madrassahs
1	JUI(F)	815
2	JUI(S)	58
3	Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith	29
4	SSP	167
5	TJP	119
6	Jamaat-i- Islami	68
7	Miscellaneous	2,969
8	Total	4,345

# The Model Madrasah's or The Madrassah Muddle

- MMA, LFO and Madrassah
- MoE, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Mol, PMEB, etc.
- Pakistan Madrasah Education Board (PMEB) 2001.
  - 449 affiliations so far.
- **Deeni Madaris (Voluntary Registration and Regulation) Ordinance-**-the proposed law.
- Madrasa Reform Project (MRP).

### Are More Madaris Desirable?

- Cradle of peace"
- "Largest NGO in the World".
- "Community owned" indigenous, welfare institutions.
- "Education of the Holy Warrior"
- "Schools of Hate"
- "Jihad International Inc"

## **Mahaz or Mafia**

- Ittehad Tanzeematul Madaris-i-Deenya (Alliance of the Organisations of the Religious Schools)
- Deeni Madaris Mahaz
- Anjuman –e-Defahe- Deeni Madaris
- Defah-e-Deeni Madaris Conferences

### Madrassah Mainstreaming ---

#### **Fuel for Fire**

- Rs 5.7 Billion
- Five years project
- 8000 Madaris
  - 4000 primary, 3000 Secondary and 1000 Intermediate level Madaris
- 32000 teachers will be recruited on contract.
- English, Mathematics, Economics, Computer Science, Pakistan Studies and General Science.
- Provision of teachers, furniture, books, equipments, sports.
- Principle of non interference in Madaris. (one time grant)
- Registration?
- Role of Provincial Governments.

#### Management and Coordination

- FPIU P
- Provincial PMUs
- Funds released to DoE.
- Education Foundations role?
- NSC, Provincial NSC
- Role of Wifaq
- Selection of teacher by local committee:
  - Rep of ED, Wifaq, and Concerned Madrassah.
- M & E Committee
- Audit

#### **Hard Currency to Run the same Software**

Level	Qualification	Salary	Unit Cost
Primary	Matric -PTC	Rs 3000	0.502 M
Middle	F.A/FSc-CT	Rs 4000	0.781 M
Secondary	B.A/BSc- B.Ed	Rs 5000	0.781 M
Intermediate	M.A/MScM. Ed	Rs 5000	1.280 M

## **Challenges**

- Weak project management
- No legal framework
- Do what ever you are doing-at State expense.
- Selection Committee.
- Madaris will park existing teachers in this project.
- Windfall for Baluchistan and NWFP ruling parties.

