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Expertization Decisions by Ron Doubleday on Indian Stamps \& Postal Stationery Overprinted "PAKISTAN"

## Volume I

Part 2



PAKISTAN - 1947-1949. SURCHAREES APPLIED TO NASIK OVERPRINTED

CHITTAGONG - EAST PAKISTAN.
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INDIA POSTAL STATIONERY.
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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 18th April and 2nd May alongwith the useful enclosures. I must apologise for the delay in replying. I was out of station, on official work for about a fortnight. Secondly; I wanted to take a trip to Peshawar to be able to examine the Azad Kashmir Type on Ordinary stamps, reported by Agha Zahid. Unfortunately, I have not been able to undertake the trip to Peshawar. I hope to abe able to do so by the end of this month. I will send you a report of my findings immediately.
2. I am enclosing a copy of a hand-book published in 1966, that your friend had asked for. I do not know of any other local publication of a similar nature. He can keep it, if it is of any use to him.
3. I think we would have to revise the whole book and bring it up-to-date. First of all there are the new types mainly reported by you. Then new values to existing types. All this will mean revising the respective numbers given to the stamps in Col. Martin's book. We will also have to revise the SG numbers of the service stamps to bring them in line with the latest edition of the SG catalogue. Then of course suitable revision of the pricing has to be carried out and the prices expressed in the decimal currency. I F BEL the prices should continue in the $\&$ sterling. All this has meant a lot of work. A major portion of the revision has been completed but a lot still remains. As soon as I get the entire revised manuscript typed out I will send you a copy for your final suggestions before it goes for printing.
4. From your letter of 18 April - you had wanted to know if the East Pakistan Naca Issues be re-clàssified as Paba. I have in my collection the following:

## Ordinary

1) 3 pies - Mint
2) 1 as - a Mint one copy $151 / 2 \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. b) Used cancellation way lines $151 / \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$.
3) $11 / 2 \mathrm{as}$

- (a) Mint one copy $15 \% \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$.
(b) Single used - Cancellation illegible $151 / 2 \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$ 。

(c) Single used - Dingapara Chittagong - 30 Dec. 1948 Mixed lettering starting from ${ }^{\prime} P^{\prime}-1 \frac{1 / 4}{} \mathrm{~mm}$ and sloping to ${ }^{1} N^{r}-1 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$.
(d) Pair used Sirajganj Pabna - date is illegible- The lower half of the lettering is missing except ' $N$ ' which is in full. The lettering on both stamps thus reads as DMKISTAN

4) 2as (a) One copy used Sadarghat Uhittagong.
(b) One copy used Sirajganj - mixed lettering ' $P$ ' 2 mm and ${ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}^{\prime} 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$.
(c) Pair used Dengapara Chittagong 1949 151/2x1 $1 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$.
(d) Pair used Dengapara Chittagong alongwith pair of 6 ps new dephentives (sfales of justice) - 23 May 1949.

One stamp $151 / 2 \times 11 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.
Second stamp $151 / 2 x^{\prime} P^{\prime} 11 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$ 。
Mixed lettering ' N ' $13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$.
5) Zas (a) Pair used Pabna 7 DEC?
 Second stamp $151 / 2 x^{\prime} P^{\prime} 11 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$, $\mathrm{N} 11 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.
(b) One copy - Cancellation illegible $151 \% \times 1 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~mm}$.
6) 4 as - One copy used 'DURGA??' $151 / 2 \times 1 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.
7) 12as - One copy used 'PA???' - 18 March 1949.
5. So I support your finding that no Dacca cancellations have been seen so far. However, I still support the conclusion reached by Col. Martin that the use of these stamps in Chittagong District and Pabna District would indicate the Provincial Capital as the likely place of printing. This is an area where information is scant, resulting in a lot of confusion. I suggest in this case we retain Col. Martin's finding but give a note stating that so far no Dacca cancellations have been seen on this type. Your second letter (2nd May) reaches the conclusion that we retain the Dacca prints as such. I fully endorse this and we shall add the new values 12as, Rs. 1 and Rs. 2。
6. Please refer to your atticle of 15th March, 1963. I am clear regarding Type III(existing Dacca Print mentioned on P 13 by Col. Martin), Ind Type VII (new discovery by Mrs. Earl). I have no details of Type $V$. Can you send me description, measurement and known values.

## Dacca Service Prints

I have the following in my collection.

1) 3 ps - One copy $14 \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$ - Cancellation is faint but readable as MADARIPUR 7 Oct?
2) 9 ps - One copy $14 \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. Cancellation 'MA?', ebery March, 1948.
3) $2 a s$ - One copy $14 \times 1{ }^{1 / 4} \mathrm{~mm}$ - Cancellation " $?$ FUR", "? 48 ".
4) Bes - One copy $14 \times 1 \frac{3 / 4}{4 m}$. Cancellation illegible.
5) 1 Rs - One copy $14 \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. Cancellation is clear but only date shows on the stamp 11 AUG 4?
6) 1 as - "One copy $151 / 2 \times 1 \frac{1 / 4}{}$ Broad $S$. Cancellation "MA?",
7) 1 as 3 ps - One copy $15 \% \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. Broad S. Cancellation illegible.
8) $11 / 2 a s \quad-\quad$ One copy $151 / 2 \times 13 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. Cancellation Illegible 7. There appear to be two types one 14 mm long and the other $151 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. The height of the letters is almost the same. The $x \xi^{\circ}{ }^{\prime} 151 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$ type has the Wide ' S ' mentioned by Col. Martin.
8. Please send your comments.

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ENGLAND
B. TYPESET DIFFERING FROM NASIK FRINTS.

## B.1. ORDINARX STARS.

## DACCA FRINTG.

The Government press notice stated that Dacca
prints were authorised. A typeset overprint is known used for a short time in February 1948 at Sadar Ghat (Ohittagong) and in greater numbers in the Eastern portion of Pabna District from June 1948 onwards. This indicates printing elsewhere, probably at the Frovincial capital - Dacca. It secms poasible that in February 1948 some authority ordered printing to oeese and withdrawal of any issued because they were not like Nasik prints: by Junef however, the posts were used to handstamping, and the stocks were sent to Sirajgunj, the main mir $E .0$. in Eastern Pabna District. There they were distributed over an area of about 500 square miles whereln they were used for four or five



The setting is unknown, but the scarcity of some cif
varieties indicates that it was large, probably 160 or even 320. The normal size of overprinte is $15 / 2011 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$., but a variety $1 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. high is known used both in Sadar Ghat and Tast Pabnas thia makes it practically certain that the variety occurs
on the aame sheet as the normal, probably in several cilches. Other rarer varieties include lettering of mixed height $1 \% \times 1 \%$ mm.. reported by Chri N. Bhattacharjee which I have not eeendir

This type has not, yet been found with a
cancellation from Dacca District. Some collectors have been of
the view that this is a type from Pabna as it is mostly found used from this District. However, the use in two widely seperated pistricts would logically augeest printing in the Provincial capital. The type is therefore being retained es a Dacce print.

There is also a controversy Machine Printing versuk Handstamping for tssues of Type $I$. The prononente of Handstamping base their view on a conclusion that no constant alignment has been found on blocks and strips exanined by them. The survival rate of the East Pakistan types has been vary low. It is highly improbable that blocks and strips would be evailable in significant numbers.and sizee to warcant such a conclusion. The type ia, therefore, being retained as a Mochine Print.

The following is e list of known cancellations

## of Type I:

Elliot Bridge, Dera, Sirajganj, Fulkocha, Lahiri Mohanpur, Nazirganj, Pangashi, Victoria School, Ullanare, Belkuchi,"? Makalie, stat Sadarghat there is also a cancellation "E.13"? not beacritr.
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| 69 | 270 | 271 | $3 a s$ | - |
| 70 | 273 | $4 a s$ | - | $20-0$ |
| 71 | 274 | $6 a s$ |  | $50-0$ |
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Type II - Large Block letters with Serifs. No stop. 18 x 2 mm . Ala
This new type was discovered by Mrs. G. Earl and reported by Mr. Doubleday. The only known value is the gas, a pair of which were found used at UliAfARA on march 3 rd 1949 $730 \quad 275$ gas
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Dacca District.
My correspondent in the U.S.A. (Morris Rverett) has, by now, a very good collection from this area and, step by step, will be giving me full details for forwarding to yourself. He has over the last ten years collaborated with another (Mogens Juhl of the Danish Diplomatic Corps) resarding the Dacca Overprints and from his latest letter just received I will quote his somewhat amazing statement, believing that in the revised edition of the book you should quote it in some form of footnote should you so desire. It is as follows:-
"We believe strongly that the only East pakistan machine-printed overprints on ordinary are those from Barisal. This means that the Khulna and Dacca (Nos. 65 etc. on Page 13 of book) are hadnstamps".

He goes on to say that "There was no constant alignment on any of the blocks and strips we had to compare".

This is an amazing statement and whilst I think it only fair that his views should be made known - MOTHING WILL CONVINCe Mi That TAIS Is TRUE. In writing to tell him so I have told him that with the very low survival rate of stamps from this area where on earth did he think that he was going to get his "Blocks and Strips" for comparison? It is my firm belief that they just do not exist anyway. He holds, from my late collection, the only mint blocks of four of three of the low values that I have ever seen or heard of and from these blocks alone it is so plain that they are overprints even to the traces of printer's ink trailing from a few of the letters. Believe me, I remember them so well :

At this point I hereby relinquish my theory that these overprints originated in Pabna and fully endorse all that Col. Martin wrote of them on Page 13 of the book. This means that the overprints (Types III, V and VII) I have listed under Fabna Disbrict in my article of March 15th, 1963 should now go under their proper place, that of Dacca District. This means also that the above Type VII should be listed separately and the only value still known - 8as. - shown as an extreme rarity. In my estimation it should be priced accordingly and I would sußgest that 㑒lo per stamp is a fair figure.

The only new values to emerge and which should be added are the 12as., R1 and R2.
he following is a list of cancellations which I believe is a prood one and I quote to you for your use or not. Dacca Prints used at:- MIliott Bridge, Bera, Sirajganj, Fulkocha, Mohanpur, (should be Lahiri Mohanpur), Nazirganj, Fangashi, Victoria School, Ullapara, Belkuchi, Nakalia and Sadarghat. There is also a cancellation given as "E.13" ?

## Dacca Prints on Ordinary (Contd.)

Whilst on the above subject, may I say a word about the pricinc of these overprints and in particular the mint blocks of four of 3 p. . la., and l1kas. Since the days when I owned these, apart from a single of each value, no more have come to light - and this in the sonce of 10 years. It is my considered opinion that these should be priced at 510 per stamp - or 4 times the value put on them in the book oriminally by Col. Martin. Please let me know what fou think. And for the remaining values up to 6as. the prices in the book should be multiplied as follows:-

Used. $3 p=3$. 1/a. None rocorded. la. $=\infty 2.50$. $11 / 2 \mathrm{as}=2.50 . \quad 2 \mathrm{as}=2.75 . \quad 3 \mathrm{as}=2 .=23$. 4as. $=3,50 . \quad$ 6as. $=55 . \quad 8 \mathrm{as}=107.50$. 12as. $=8 . \quad$ Fl. $=$ S12. R2. $=$ s12.

These prices may sound high to you but I did say that in my opinion that the revised edition should show the heaviest increases in this area. I believe the above to be quite fair and reasonable and possibly on the low side.

## Dacca Prints on Service.

Mrs. Tarl believes these to be Barisal Prints but I hold to the view that these are Dacca there being nothing to support the view that they are otherwise unless one counts a known piece cancelled Barhamganj, Faridpur District. n Page 16 Col. Martin only makes one type; there are in fact two the difference being in the height of the lettering as his plate III easily shows. I would say that the larger of the two types is probably 24 mm high whilst the smaller is $1 \% / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$. These are indeed greet rarities since Morris Everett possesses only 6 examples all told. Of the smaller overprint the values are lkas., la., and 2as - one of the latter having the above cancellation Barhamganj. Of the larger overprint he holds the lyas. and 2 as only.

Regarding pricing, unless there are any other examples known (?), I would suggest the following:la. $=$ flo. 1 yas. $=10$ and $2 \mathrm{as}=$.530 . Please let me have your views on these prices. At the same time, please bear in mind that we are dealing with very rare overprints. It may be that $I$ have again priced too low.

Note: I think that this is all I have to offer you on the Dacca Overprints. Comparing my articles with the book, I think thet Xhulna and Barisal will follow next with the various handstamps followine later.


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Lahore, G.P.O., 18.X.1948. Busta postale raccomandata, con sovr. di Karachi.

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