

Centre fixes weight of school bags based on class

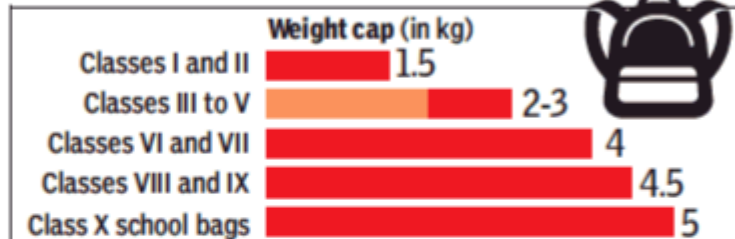
No Homework For Students In Class I & II

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New Delhi: Children's school bags are set to get lighter as several states and Union territories are acting on a recent communication from the Centre to formulate guidelines that set out the maximum weight in accordance to the class in which students are enrolled.

The HRD ministry, which had announced "rationalisation" of school syllabi by culling irrelevant or obsolete content, has said Class X school bags must not exceed 5kg while for Classes I and II,

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- No 'homework' for students of Classes I and II, no subject other than language and mathematics
- Only EVS, maths and languages prescribed by NCERT for Classes III to V

they should not be more than 1.5kg. The norm for Classes III to V would be between 2kg and 3kg, for VI and VII it should be 4kg, and for Classes VIII and IX 4.5kg.

The Centre's letter to states, UTs and education boards also states that there will be no "homework" for Classes I

and II and no subject other than language and mathematics will be prescribed for these classes. For Classes III to V, schools will teach only environmental science (EVS), mathematics and languages as prescribed by NCERT.

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