

6) Promote critical thinking and analytical skills by developing self-learning skills of the learner leading to student-centric learning.

7) To promote the use of ICT tools in distance education including the employment of the audio-visual medium and satellite-based devices.

Review of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

*355. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately reviewed the progress so far made in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan,

(b) if so, how far the school-drop out rate of students (i) boys and (ii) girls, has declined as a result of the mission mode adopted towards universalisation of elementary education; and

(c) the reasons for default in smooth working of the mission?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was reviewed in the Governing Council of the National Mission for the SSA held on 21.2 2005 and also by the Joint Review Mission, which visited 8 States in January-February 2005.

(b) The dropout rate at primary level has reduced from 2001-02 to 2002-03 by 2.5 per cent points in respect of boys and 6.16 percent points in respect of girls.

(c) Question does not arise.

Diversion of Satellite signals

*356. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring in a law to check blocking or diversion of satellite signals before they are beamed by the TV channels to stop piracy;