

OBJECTIVES AND CHALLENGES

- Education is viewed as a critical input that determines the growth potential in the longer term (p.2)
- Education is also viewed as an essential public service for empowerment of poor.
- SSA is considered as a strategy for this purpose.

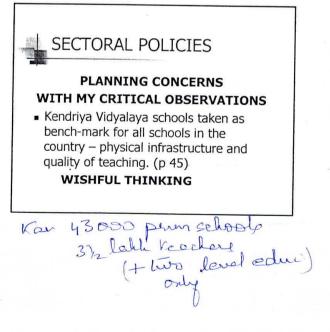
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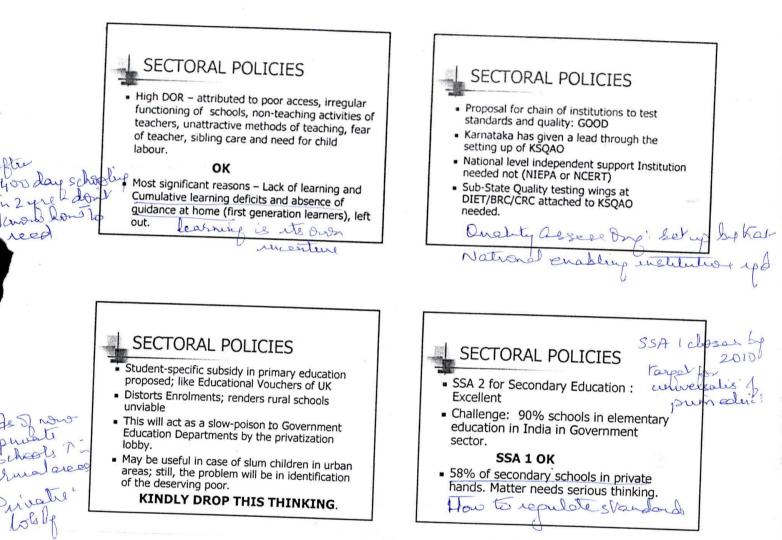
- Concern is expressed regarding QUALITY of school education.
- Universalisation of Secondary Education is viewed as a priority in the near future.(p.4)
- Technical and Vocational Education needs substantial expansion.
- Special emphasis on ITIs. (p.6)

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- Divides in education recognized : gender and rural- urban plus regional disparities.(pp.8&9)
- SSA to be owned by State Governments and Local Authorities. (p 9)

SECTORAL POLICIES OUTCOME (not Allocation) BASED FOCUS.(p.2) Education viewed as a strategic initiative for inclusive development





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SECTORAL POLICIES

- So far ECE & ECCE with W&CW department; new proposal to bifurcate them and put ECE under SSA. Dangerous proposal
- Let us not play with children and divide them for administrative reasons.
- Give adequate funds and manpower to W&CW to manage both.
- Further, do not distort original SSA goals.

