

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015**

Introduction of 'Think in India' Drive

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce 'Think in India' drive in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any programme in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (e): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan (RAA) programme on 09.07.2015, inter alia, as a sub-component of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), to motivate and engage children in the age group of 6-18 years, in Science, Mathematics and Technology, through observation, experimentation, inference drawing, model building and other methodologies, both inside and outside the classroom.

A major objective of the programme is to encourage children to think originally, creatively and progressively.

The guidelines and suggested activities of RAA have been sent to all State Education Departments. A two day workshop was organized on 16-17 November 2015 to orient Nodal Officers from States and UT's as well as from Institutions of Higher Education. A joint road map for the implementation of activities for the coming months was developed in the workshop.
