Chronicle

Friday, February 17, 2012

'Match money to goals'

DR SANDEEP SHASTRI

Although the Centre has come out with the Right to Education



(RTE)
Act, a
number
of states
have not
y e t
implemented
it, main-

ly because they were not consulted before the legislation was framed.

If they had been taken into confidence, all the states would have enforced it by now.

The state is rightly asking for the Centre's financial help to implement the Act in its schools and the Union government must consider its appeal.

In fact, I think there is a need to review the entire financial system operating in the country.

Presently critical expenditure sectors like health and education are handled by the state governments while critical revenue generation sectors are under the Centre.

This mismatch between revenue and expenditure is proving a hurdle in implementing many a scheme and must be looked into.

> The writer is Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Jain University