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Department of Higher Education
Shastri Bhawan
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Sub: Draft material reply Provisional Admitted Starred Question Diary No. S-357 for answer on 25.02.2016 regarding "Discrimination with SC/ST/OBC Students".

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your email dated 16.02.2016 on the subject cited above.

As desired, the draft material reply to the aforesaid Starred Question is enclosed herewith for further action at your end.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(YASHWANT SINGH)
Officer on Special Duty

Encl: As above.

CC:

- Sh. V. Talreja, Section Officer, UGC, New Delhi.

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Q. (a) The number of suicides of students belonging to SC/ST/OBC in institutes of higher education in the last five years, University wise;

Reply (a): As far as JNU is concerned, no suicide of students belonging to SC/ST/OBC took place during the last five years in the University.

Q. (b) Whether Government has taken cognizance of the increase in discrimination and marginalization of students belonging to SC/ST/OBC in higher education institutes. If so, details thereof; if not, reasons thereto;

Reply (b): It is for MHRD to respond. However, in Jawaharlal Nehru University an Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) has been set up, the first of its kind in the country, to aid and advise the students belonging to marginalized sections including the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward communities, minority communities, persons with disabilities, etc. pursuing various programmes of studies at the University.

In the University, if any complaint on the basis of caste discrimination is received, following steps are taken:-

1. Proper investigation is done.
2. Academic record of the scholar is also checked.
3. If needed be, both the Professor and the scholar are called to the Equal Opportunity Office of the University and investigation is done.

In most of the cases it is found, when a scholar is not scoring good marks, he/she tries to take help from the Equal Opportunity Office. If Equal Opportunity Office finds any discrimination at any stage, all efforts are made to help the scholar. The Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) also organizes remedial classes for such a student from time-to-time.

No such case has come to the notice of the University that any Professor has discriminated against SC/ST/OBC students during the year 2015.

Q. (c) The measures Government plans to undertake to eradicate discrimination faced by SC/ST/OBC in higher education institutions; and

Reply (c): As given at Reply (b)

Q. (d) Whether the UGC has ensured the implementation of the recommendations of the Thorat Committee report, if yes, details thereof, institution-wise if not, reasons thereto?

Reply (d): It is for UGC/MHRD to respond.


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