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**Sub: Draft material reply to Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question D. No. S-36 for answer on 25.02.2016 asked by Shri D. Raja regarding "Harassment of Dalit Scholars".**

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 Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question is enclosed herewith for further action at your end.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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**Encl:** As above.

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- Q. (a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the complaints about cases of harassment and discrimination against Dalit Scholars in various Central Universities by delaying fellowships etc. as has been revealed particularly after the agitations following the death of a Research Scholar in Hyderabad University recently; and**
- Q. (b) If so, the details thereof and what actions are being taken to see that the Dalit students are not harassed in any way during their studies in Universities?**

Reply (a &b): JNU ensures to release the Scholarships/Fellowships of all the scholars within 3-4 days after receiving their claim bills in the Finance Branch of the University. The motto of the University is to create an enabling environment to facilitate quicker disposal of Fellowship claims of all students, including Dalit students. No one is discriminated against and such a distinction does not exist. Therefore no such harassment takes place.

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