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**Sub: Draft material reply to Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/Unstarred Question D. No. S-388 for answer on 25.02.2016 asked by Shri Ritabrta Banerjee regarding "Suicide of Ph.D Scholars in Universities".**

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,

  
(YASHWANT SINGH)  
Officer on Special Duty

**Encl:** As above.

**CC:**

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

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**Q. (a) Whether it is a fact that a number of Ph.D. Scholars have committed suicide in various Universities in the last two months if so, the details thereof; and**

Reply (a): As far as JNU is concerned, no Ph.D. scholar has committed suicide in the University during the last two months.

**Q. (b) The reasons for suicides?**

Reply (b): Not applicable in view of reply (a) above.

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