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Sub: **Draft material for reply to Rajya Sabha USQ No. 3268 for 30.03.2017 asked by Shri D. P. Tripathi regarding reduction in number of M.Phil/Ph.D. seats in JNU**

Sir,

Please refer to your e-mail dated 27.03.2017 on the subject cited above.

As desired, we forward herewith the draft material to the aforesaid Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question for further action at your end.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(YASHWANT SINGH)
Officer on Special Duty

Encl: As above.

Copy to:-

- Shri Subodh Kumar Ghildiyal, Deputy Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi

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Q. (a) whether there has been a regulation to reduce the number of seats in M.Phil./Ph.D. from the next academic year in JNU;

Reply: As per the recent UGC Regulations 2016 published in Gazette of India of 5th May 2016 (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M. Phil/Ph.D. Degrees), all Central Universities/HEIs are directed to follow the regulations for the purpose of granting admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes of study. Accordingly, JNU being a Central University has adopted the UGC Regulations 2016 and the intake for admissions to M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes of study for the Academic year 2017-18 has been incorporated in the University e-Prospectus in the light of the regulations.

Q. (b) if so, the reasons and objective behind the decision; and

Reply: Please refer to reply (a) above.

Q. (c) whether the decision is within the UGC norms and has been verified by the concerned authority/Ministry.

Reply: Please refer to reply (a) above.

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