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**Sub: Material for reply to Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Unstarred Question D.No.9815 for 19.02.2014 asked by Shri Ahir Vikrambhai Arjanbhai Maadam and Shri Kuldeep Bishnoi regarding “Hindi and Sanskrit Departments in CU’s”.**

Sir,

Please refer to your Email dated 14.02.2014 on the subject cited above.

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: **As above.**

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Q. (a) The details of the Central Universities which are not having Departments of Hindi and Sanskrit, University-wise, State-wise;

Ans. (a) In JNU there is Department of Hindi as well as Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies.

Q. (b) Whether there is any proposal to open the Departments of Hindi and Sanskrit in these Universities; and

Ans. (b) Not applicable in view of answer (a) above.

Q. (c) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Ans. (c) i) Hindi Department is a part of Centre of Indian Languages which is located in the School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies. The Centre undertakes socially relevant and intellectual provoking research in various Indian Languages. At present, the Centre has facilities for teaching and research in Hindi, Hindi Translation. The Centre offers M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D. in Hindi.

ii) Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies was set up in the year 2000 to undertake research and teaching in Sanskrit Studies directed towards relating Indian knowledge systems both to contemporary Indian reality and contemporary western thought. The initial focus is on Philosophy; grammar as reflected in Sanskrit. The Centre offers M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D. Programme in Sanskrit.