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Sub: Material for reply to Admitted Lok Sabha USQ No. 4066 for 17.12.2014 asked by Smt. Hema Malini regarding “Cases of Plagiarism in Central Universities”.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your e-mail dated 11.12.2014 on the subject cited above.

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**(UMAKANT AGARWAL)**

Deputy Registrar (Academic)

**Encl:** As above.

CC: PS to Registrar --- For kind information of the Registrar.

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**Q. (a) Whether cases of Plagiarism in Central Universities and other institutes of higher learning under the direct control of the Government have reached at an alarming high;**

Reply(a) A few cases of plagiarism during last five years have come to the notice of the University.

**Q. (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**

Reply(b) The details of cases are as under:-

1. Mr. Amit Kumar Kanaujia, M.Phil./CEAS/SIS – Involvement in the act of plagiarism and M.Phil. dissertation rejected.
2. Ms. Meenakshi Grover, M.Phil/CSL&G – Involvement in the act of plagiarism and M.Phil. dissertation rejected.
3. Prof. S.A. Hassan regarding Ph.D./CP&CAS/SLL&CS – Allegation of plagiarism in Ph.D. thesis after investigation the case was closed.
4. Mr. Sita Kanta Panda, M.Phil./CSRD/SSS – Involvement in the act of plagiarism and term papers of two courses were cancelled.
5. Plagiarism was reported in three cases of M.Tech. dissertations of SCSS and they were given chance to rewrite the dissertation removing the plagiarism.

**Q. (c) The preventive/punitive action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;**

Reply(c) i. The University has provided Turnitin an anti-plagiarism software to the research scholars and faculty members to check their research and reporting work. It is mandatory for the research scholars to run their drafts of dissertations and thesis through anti-plagiarism software before submitting them for evaluation.

1. The faculty members may also check manuscripts of books/articles, reports, etc. through anti-plagiarism software before submitting them for publication.
2. The Central Library of the University is regularly conducting orientation sessions/seminars/workshops on what is plagiarism? How to detect and avoid it in the campus as well at various JNU affiliated institutions in order to educate, sensitize the researchers and spread awareness with regard to academic conduct.
3. The University is also in the process of finalizing a policy on plagiarism.

**Q. (d) Whether such cases have also come to the notice of the Government where National Book Trust have published books wherein the material has been lifted from internet or other such unverified sources; and**

Reply(d) Not applicable.

**Q. (e) If so, the details thereof and steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that all its publications are authentic and well researched before they are published?**

Reply(e) Not applicable.

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