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**Sub: Material for reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question Diary No. 1190 to be answered on 27.02.2013 regarding “Discontinuation of Studies by reserved category students”.**

Sir,

 Please refer to your E-mail dated February 21, 2013 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.**

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 PS to Registrar --- For the kind information of the Registrar

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

**Material for reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question Diary No. 1190 to be answered on 27.02.2013, regarding “discontinuation of studies by reserved category students ".**

Q. (a) whether a large number of reserved category students of higher learning institutions are discontinuing their studies in the middle of their course duration;

 Ans. (a) The number of students under the reserved category who are discontinuing their studies in the middle of their course duration is very few, that too in case of students admitted to B.A./M.A. programmes in foreign languages offered by the School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies.

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

 Ans. (b) whatever the number of SC/ST students dropping out from the courses is due to the following reasons:

* Till now the University was offering five years M.A. integrated programme in different foreign languages and some students leave the programme, on their own request, after completing their B.A. due to their getting employment.
* Some students have to discontinue the programme as they fail to meet the minimum CGPA requirements at the end of IInd semester and thereafter of the B.A./M.A./MSc and MCA programmes.
* In case of M.Phil./Ph.D. programme, some students who fail in any course, are not allowed to continue in the programme.

Q. (c) The details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to empower them to successfully complete their studies?

Ans. (c) (i)The University has recently delinked the existing 5 year MA integrated programme into separate B.A. and M.A. programmes in order to cut drop out rates.

 (ii)University is offering remedial courses for the benefit of the students in Hindi, English, Mathematics, Computer Application and various other subjects in order to help them to cope up with their studies/courses.

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