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**Sub: Material for reply to Lok Sabha Question No. 4319 asked by Shri Ratan Singh, Shri Yashvir Singh, Shri Neeraj Shekhar and Shri Mansukh Bhai D. Vasava regarding “Elections to the Students Unions".**

Madam,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 13.12.2012 on the subject cited above.

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: **As above.**

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

**Material for reply to Lok Sabha Question No. 4319 to be asked by Shri Ratan Singh, Shri Yashvir Singh, Shri Neeraj Shekhar and Shri Mansukh Bhai D. Vasava regarding “Elections to the Students Unions".**

Q. (a) The objectives of holding student union election in the Universities and Colleges;

Ans. (a) The following are the objectives of holding students union in University:

(i) To live up to the important role students to play in the development and progress of students community.

(ii) To make their academic courses relevant to the needs of society and meet the expectations of students.

(iii) To democratize the structure of decision making in the University in order to be able to effectively strive for relevance in education.

(iv) To promote and safeguard the genuine interests of the student community, and link it up with democracy.

Q. (b) Whether these objectives are being achieved and if so, the details thereof;

Ans. (b) Yes, these objectives are being achieved and details are given below:

Students have been given representation in Academic Council and other committees except House Allotment committee to safeguard the academic and other genuine interest related to the students in the University.

Q. (c) The details of the Central Universities where elections to students unions have been conducted, not conducted and scheduled to be conducted during the academic session 2012-13 so far;

Ans. (c) Students Union election has been conducted in Jawaharlal Nehru University for the academic session 2012-13 by a students' elected Election Committee as per the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Q. (d) The reasons for not conducting the elections to students unions in Central Universities, University-wise;

Ans.(d) Not applicable.

Q. (e) Whether the Government has received representations from students of some Central Universities for holding election there recently and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in response to those representations;

Ans.(e) Not applicable.

Q. (f) Whether violence which takes places in these elections is degrading the educational environment and if so, the details thereof; and

Ans.(f) Not applicable.

Q. (g) If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Ans. (g) Not Applicable.