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**Sub: Material for reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 3887 for 04.08.2014 regarding ‘Hostel facilities in Universities’-regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to your e-mail dated 31.07.2014 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,

**(UMAKANT AGARWAL)**

Deputy Registrar (Academic)

Encl: **As above.**

CC:

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

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

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**Material for reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 3887 for 04.08.2014 regarding ‘Hostel facilities in Universities’-regarding.**

**Q. (a) Whether the Government has taken note of the deficiency in hostel facilities in various Central Universities including University of Delhi and its subsequent impact on the cost of education;**

Reply: Jawaharlal Nehru University has taken note of deficiency in hostel facilities due to increase in the number of students intake. The University has made an endeavour to provide hostel accommodation to as many students as possible with the limited constraints and no impact on cost of education.

**Q. (b) If so, the details thereof, University-wise and the reason therefore;**

Reply: Every effort is made to accommodate all the students in the hostels. Only a very small number of students who desire to stay in private accommodation, do so. However, 148 seats for girls and 266 for boys were falling short as per last year’s record due to increase in capacity of student intake and lack of funds to build hostels. However, a very large number of students were accommodated in dormitories and as third roommate/second roommate and allowed to avail of mess facility.

**Q. (c) Whether the Government is planning to take necessary steps to augment the hostel capacity; and**

Reply: Jawaharlal Nehru University has taken internal measures to augment hostel capacity. Wherever possible more seats in hostels have been created. Single seaters have been converted into double seaters. Larger halls have been converted into dormitories to accommodate students. One of the building (Old Centre for Russian Studies) has been converted into hostel.

**Q. (d) If so, the details of steps taken/to be taken by the Government and funds allocated and utilized for this purpose?**

Reply: Jawaharlal Nehru University is planning to construct a new hostel (726 bedded) and extension of two existing hostels to provide additional 67 beds with estimated cost of Rs. 3347.00 lacs and Rs. 295.65 lacs respectively under the 12th plan. University has allocated this works to M/s RITES Ltd., a public sector undertaking as Deposit Work and released funds for a sum of Rs. 1203 lacs.

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