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**Sub: Material for reply to Rajya Sabha Provisional Admitted Question Dy. No. S1209 for answer on 01.12.2014 asked by Shri Naresh Agrawal regarding “Modernation of Central Universities.”**

Sir,

Please refer to your Email dated 25.11.2014 on the subject cited above.

As desired, we forward herewith the draft material to the aforesaid Rajya Sabha Provisional Admitted 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.

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**Q. (a) The steps taken for the modernization of Central Universities so far;**

Reply(a) Regarding modernisation of Central Library in the Jawaharlal Nehru University, it is stated that JNU is having one of the State-of-Art University Library. It is using all latest tools and technologies. It provides anytime anywhere access to its faculty and students using remote access technology. It also provides Google like search through single window search (discovery technology) to all e-resource available at JNU library. Library is fully computerized.

**Q. (b) Whether the libraries of the Universities need to be digitalized;**

Reply (b) Yes, digitization of University libraries is of great importance. At JNU, we have undertaken following digitization activities in recent past.

1. All 20,000 Theses and Dissertations of the University have been digitized and are available online. Now, it is mandatory to submit Theses and Dissertations in digital form only.
2. 8 lacs newscliping have been digitized and available online.
3. JNU library is subscribing over 10,000 e-journals in form of various databases of the reputed publishers.
4. Digitization of about 1000 Rare books will be taken up soon.
5. Catalogue of about 5 lacs printed resources is also available online.

**Q. (c) If so by when it would be accomplished; and**

Reply(c) Most of the digitization works in the Central Library, JNU have been completed. Digitization of rare books and implementation of RFID Technology will be done within a year.

**Q. (d) If not, the reasons therefor?**

Reply(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

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