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Sub: Draft material reply to Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Diary No. S2006 for answer on 03.03.2016 asked by Shri Bhupender Yadav regarding "Course of study in Pali and Prakrit Language".

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your email dated 22.02.2016 on the subject cited above.

As desired, the draft material reply to the aforesaid Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question is enclosed herewith for further action at your end.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(YASHWANT SINGH)
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Encl: As above.

CC:

- Sh. V. Talreja, Section Officer, UGC, New Delhi.

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Q. (a) Whether any Central Universities have Pali and Prakrit Languages/Literature as a course of study or as a subject; and

Reply (a): Jawaharlal Nehru University has introduced 'Certificate of Proficiency Course' in Pali Language and Literature in the Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies of the University from the Academic Year 2015-16. The duration of the course is of 'one year'.

Q. (b) If so, the details in this regards indicating the salient features of the course of study?

Reply (b): **Salient feature of the course of Study**:- Pali is one of the most important ancient Indian Languages. Buddhist, Theravada Literature and other non-economical literature is available in Pali Language. Pali Literature provides the enormous information of ancient Indian culture, history and Philosophy.

This course helps students to achieve speaking reading and writing skills in Pali. It helps to gain the proficiency for accessing the original texts of Pali Language.

