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**Sub: Material for reply to Prov. admitted Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 4269 for 04.08.2014 asked by Prof. Mrinal Miri regarding “External review of Central Universities.”**

Sir,

Please refer to your Email dated 30.07.2014 on the subject cited above.

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**Deputy Registrar (Academic)**

Encl: **As above.**

CC:

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

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Q (a) Whether there is a requirement of periodic external review of the academic and fiscal performance of the Central Universities;

Ans. (a) As for as JNU is concerned, detailed reply is given below:-

**Academic performance**

The University has the following bodies to perform academic reviews:

(i) At the base level, there are Centre Committees in the Centres of the School of Studies to prepare and recommend the course contents, to fix titles of the Ph.D thesis & M.Phil dissertations of students, etc., as per University Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Academic Rules & Regulations.

(ii) There are Special Committees and Committee for Advanced Studies and Research and Board of Studies of Schools in which eminent Professors and outside Scholars of academic repute takes part as members.

(iii) There is Academic Council (Statutory body), at University level which meets every quarter to discuss thoroughly Academic Programmes and Proposals of various Centres/Schools of the University in which members are drawn from outside institutions of repute including some external Members.

(iv) There is University Court (Statutory body), which meets once in a year in which University’s Annual Report is presented and discussed/assessed by eminent Academicians, Parliamentarians, Scientists, Technologists and Experts from the Industry. A report is being sent to the Visitor for his information and assent.

(v) Lastly, the academic working and quality of the Jawaharlal Nehru University is accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The rating is CGPA of 3.91 in the 4 point scale [Grade – A].

In view of the above, it seems that adequate reviews of Academic assessment are regularly going on in the University.

**Fiscal Performance**

In the University, periodic external review of the accounts of the University is a statutory requirement as per the JNU Act of 1996 Statute 20(1) ‘The accounts of the University shall, once at least in every year and at intervals of not more than fifteen months, be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, or any person authorized by him in this behalf’ (Copy enclosed).

Q. (b) If so, whether these requirements are adhered to by these Universities; and

Ans. (b) Yes, The University functions by following the Govt. of India/UGC Rules & Regulations as adopted by its Statutory bodies i.e., Academic Council and Executive Council. Further, the CAG audit is being conducted every year as per the statutory requirements. The University Court does oversee the entire process.

Q. (c) If no, the steps Government and the University Grants Commission (UGC) have taken or propose to take in the matter?

Ans. (c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

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