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**Sub: Material for reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1451 to be answered on 06.03.2013 regarding “Chairs in Regional Languages”.**

Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated February 28, 2013 on the subject cited above.

As desired, we forward herewith the draft material to the aforesaid Lok Sabha 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

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

**Material for reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1451 to be answered on 06.03.2013, regarding “Chairs in Regional Languages".**

Q. (a) whether the Government proposed to establish chairs in more regional languages including Malayalam in the Central Universities especially in Jawaharlal Nehru University;

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Q. (b) if so, the details thereof;

Ans. (a & b) JNU at present has facilities for studies in Hindi, Urdu and Tamil in the Centre of Indian Languages, School of Languages, Literature & Culture Studies. Chairs for Assamese from UGC and Marathi with the financial support from the Government of Maharashtra are under establishment. Further, the University has received a proposal from Chairperson of Indian Languages/Dean, School of Language Literature & Culture Studies for establishment of Malayalam Chair and a detailed proposal to Government of Kerala, was forwarded by the University to initiate the activities on Malayalam Chair with an Endowment of Rs.3.5 to 4 Crore. In response to our letter, they have informed that the State Government is not in a position to spare such a large amount at present. Further, the University has received a letter from MHRD requesting JNU to take up the matter with Ministry of Culture and/or UGC for establishment of Chair in Malayalam Languages in the Centre of Indian Languages, School of Language, Literature & Cultural Studies (SLL&CS). In this connection, the University is approaching the Ministry of Culture/UGC for Endowment for the establishment of aforesaid Chair.

Q. (c) the present status of the proposal for teaching Malayalam language in the University of Delhi;

Q. (d) whether the advertised posts for teaching faculty have been filled; and

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Q. (e) if so, the details thereof?

Ans. (c, d & e) Does not pertain to JNU.

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