

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 163
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023**

Attack on Tamil Students in JNU

***163. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:**

SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any complaints have been made on the attack on Tamil students in Jawaharlal Nehru University by right-wing group students recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of students injured and the medical treatment provided to them;
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government against the militant students who attacked the innocent Tamil students and also damaged photos of national leaders including Thanthai Periyar; and
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that such violent attack do not recur on innocent students and to ensure safety to them?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 FOR 13.03.2023 ASKED BY SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI AND SHRI A. RAJA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ATTACK ON TAMIL STUDENTS IN JNU.

(a) to (d): Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is a statutory autonomous organisation established under an Act of Parliament and is governed by its respective Act, Statutes and the Ordinances made there-under. All administrative, academic decisions are taken by the University with the approval of its statutory bodies, such as Executive Council, Academic Council and Court. Nearly 9000 students are currently enrolled in JNU.

It has been informed by JNU that different student groups held a series of events at Students' Activity Centre at JNU on the evening of 19 February, 2023. There was scuffle among some students which was addressed by immediate administrative intervention and order was restored. In order to maintain peaceful and harmonious environment in the university campus, various steps including outreach activities have been taken by the administration. The University has also setup a four-member inquiry Committee to examine the matter.
