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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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2 July, 2008

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: XI Plan UGC Visiting Committee to Universities - Sensitization about Prevention of Ragging.

The Commission at its meeting held on 21.05.2008 (Para 6 of Item No.6.04), inter alia resolved as under:

"The visiting committees visiting universities/colleges for XI Plan development assistance shall be responsible to sensitize the institutions about the prevention of ragging".

A UGC Status Note on Prevention of Ragging in educational institutions is attached.

This is for your information and necessary action.

(A.K. Dogra)
Joint Secretary

All the Member Secretaries of UGC XI Plan Visiting Committee to Universities (List attached)

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1. All Regional Offices, UGC.
2. JS (DC) UGC, New Delhi
3. JD (NRCB) UGC, New Delhi.
4. PS to Cm/Vcm/Secy/Director, UGC, New Delhi
5. US (RO), UGC, New Delhi.
6. SO (CPP-II) UGC, New Delhi
7. SO (Ragging Cell) UGC, New Delhi.

(V.K. Jaiswal)
Under Secretary

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F.1-8/2006 (CPP-II)

June, 2008

PREVENTION OF RAGGING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

ABSOLUTE NO TO RAGGING

- According to the directions of the Supreme Court of India in University of Kerala vs. Council of Principals of Colleges in Kerala, ragging within or outside any educational institutions is prohibited.
- "Ragging" means doing an act which cause or is likely to cause insult or annoyance or fear or apprehension or threat or intimidation or outrage of modesty or injury to a student.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi has also taken stern view of the problem of ragging and has issued the necessary guidelines to curb the same.

The following recommendations need immediate implementation according to the Supreme Court/Raghavan Committee recommendations/UGC instructions:

- The punishment to be meted out has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents;
- Every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent/guardian or the Head of institution is not satisfied with the institutional arrangement for action, a First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities;
- Courts should make an effort to ensure that cases involving ragging are taken up on priority basis to send the correct message that ragging is not only to be discouraged but also to be dealt with sternness;
- The Court directed the exploration of possibility of introducing in the educational curriculum, a subject relating to ragging;
- In the prospectus to be issued for admission by educational institutions, it shall be clearly stipulated that in case the applicant for admission is found to have indulged in ragging in the past or if it is noticed later that he has indulged in ragging, admission may be refused or he shall be expelled from the educational institution;
- The Central Government and the State Government shall launch a programme giving wide publicity to the menace of ragging and the consequences which follow in case any student is detected to have been involved in ragging;
- Role of the concerned institution shall also be open to scrutiny for the purpose of finding out whether they have taken effective steps for preventing ragging and in case of their failure, action can be taken against them too;
- Anti-ragging Committees and squads shall be forthwith formed by the institutions to see that the Committee's recommendations are observed without exception and if it is noticed that there is any deviation, the same shall be forthwith brought to the notice of this Court; and
- The Committee constituted pursuant to the order of this Court shall continue to monitor the functioning of the Anti-Ragging Committees and the squads to be formed. They shall also monitor the implementation of the recommendations to which reference has been made above.

Acts Amounting to Ragging could be:

- Teasing, Embarrassing and Humiliating;
- Assaulting or Using Criminal Force or Criminal Intimidation;
- Wrongfully Restraining or Confining or Causing Hurt;
- Causing Grievous Hurt, Kidnapping or Rape or Committing Unnatural Offence; and
- Causing Death or Abetting Suicide.

Let us together curb this menace.

1. Please stay away from ragging
2. Ragging is a criminal offence as per law passed by a number of state governments.
3. Rustication from the college.
4. Embossment on Mark Sheets, Degree Certificate etc. stating that he/she indulge in Ragging
5. Penalty and imprisonment of one year.
6. Fine

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Steps taken by UGC to prevent ragging in Educational Institutions

1. In Jan, 2000 UGC circulated the guidelines prepared by UGC Expert Committee on curbing the menace of ragging to all Universities for taking necessary action.
2. In July, 2007 UGC again wrote to all Universities sending the Dr. Raghavan Committee Report (Committee constituted by M/HRD on the orders of Supreme Court) on measures of prevention of ragging in educational institutes for strict compliance.

The reports are available on UGC Website www.ugc.ac.in

3. As per the Raghavan Committee report the Universities are to set up:
 - i) Anti ragging Squads
 - ii) Anti ragging committees
 - iii) Mention in the prospectus possible action against ragging.
 - iv) Publicize the name/telephone no. and address of the authorizes to be contacted.
 - v) Counseling of seniors and fresher.
 - vi) Conduct orientation courses for fresher.
 - vii) Report action taken by the anti ragging squads and anti ragging Committee to UGC.
 - viii) No. of cases of ragging to be mention in the prospectus along with the punishment given to the guilty.
 - ix) Erect suitable hoardings/bill board banners in prominent places within the campus.
4. The UGC has requested for information/feedback from the Universities on the steps taken for curbing ragging in the prescribed proforma.
5. The Universities have been instructed to mention in every prospectus if any incident of ragging comes to the notice of the authority the concerned student shall be given liberty to explain and if his explanation is not found satisfactory the authority would explain him from the institutions.
6. The Commission has created a cell for dealing with ragging in educational institutions.

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SUPREME COURT MATTER

No.F.1-8/2006 (CPP- II)

16th May, 2008

The Registrar

All Universities
(List attached)

Subject: Supreme Court of India Orders - Curbing Ragging in Educational Institutions —
Inclusion of No of Ragging Incidents in Prospectus/Brochures.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Office letter of even no. dated 03.03.2008, on the above subject, I am directed to say that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP (C) No.24295/2004 in the matter of University of Kerala v/s Council of Principals, Colleges of Kerala and others, the Apex Court has expressed displeasure on the incidents of ragging in the educational institutions despite directions to prevent such incidents in educational institutions.

(2) In the last hearing held on 10th December, 2007 in the case related to prevention of ragging in higher educational institutions the Supreme Court has expressed concern over the incidence of ragging occurring in higher educational institutions and the need to eliminating it altogether. Accordingly, as directed by the Court, instructions have been issued by the regulatory bodies like UGC/ AICTE/ MCI etc., for inclusion of the clause in the prospectus regarding punishment of students with expulsion etc, if found guilty of ragging. The Committee set up by the Supreme Court to Monitor the measures being taken to prevent ragging has now **decided that along with the number of cases of ragging in the previous academic session, the punishments awarded to those found guilty should also be mentioned in the brochures/prospectus of the higher educational institution.**

(3) It may also be stated that the Report of the Raghavan Committee constituted as per directions of the Supreme Court of India to give suggestions on means of prevention of ragging in educational institutions, is already posted on UGC web site www.ugc.ac.in The prescribed format for compliance report already circulated vide UGC office letter of even number dated 20th November, 2007.

(4) The Second meeting of Raghavan Committee to Monitor Measures to Prevent Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions appointed by the Supreme Court of India constituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development headed by Dr. K. Raghavan, Ex-Director of CBI was held on 02.04.2008 in New Delhi and the Committee has inter-alia given the following directions to all regulatory bodies:

That the Universities/Colleges should mention in their prospectus/brochure that the total number of "Ragging Incidents" taken place in their Institution in each year for information to the public.

(5) The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, Department of Higher Education, vide their letter No. 9-18/2008 (U-5) dated 29th April, 2008 has requested to take up suitable campaigns against ragging, inter alia suggesting the following:

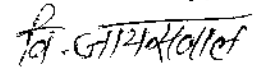
The Institutions may erect suitable hoardings/bill boards/banners in prominent places within the campus exhort the students to prevent or not to indulge in ragging and also indicating therein the names of the officials and their telephone number to be contacted in case of ragging.

The Educational Institutions may also undertake any other form campaigns as it may consider appropriate for prevention of ragging.

(6) It is requested that necessary action may be taken. This may also be brought to the notice of the colleges affiliated to your university.

(7) Action taken report in this regard may please be sent to this office early.

Yours faithfully,

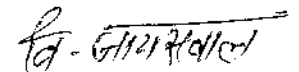


(V.K. Jaiswal)

Under Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Director (U- 5), Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001 (Ref. No. F 9-18/2008 U- 5, dated 29.04.2008 and No.F. 9-43/2007-U-5)
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