

**INITIATIVES TO BE TAKEN BY THE COLLEGES
FOR PROHIBITION OF RAGING
IN THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

for Colleges

Prohibition & Prevention:

Anti-ragging movement should be initiated by the institution right from the time of advertisement for admissions. The advertisement must clearly mention that ragging is banned in the institution, and anyone indulging is liable to be punished appropriately, including expulsion from the institution and/or imprisonment upto 3 years, and/or fine upto Rs.25,000/-.

The brochure of admission/instruction booklet for candidates must print in block letters, the details or punishments for ragging, it also must mention in clear terms that the institution considers ragging a cognizable offence and really means business and will not hesitate to take stern action against the offenders.

Punishments :

The possible punishments (listed in Annexure 1) for those who are found guilty of participation in or abetment of ragging be included in a Declaration, signed by each student. The quantum of punishment shall, naturally, depend upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Disciplinary Committee or the Court of Law.

Guidelines:

1. Anti-ragging measures:

Principals should organize briefings to the press and local electronic media about the need for the avoidance of ragging and the punishments involved for those indulging in ragging. Besides, putting up posters and notices on anti-ragging at all prominent places in and around the college is necessary.

2. Measures about safety and security of girls:

a) The Authorities of each college be advised to keep a close watch on the visits of non-students/ strangers to the college campus and girls hostels.

b) Organize meetings of girl students:

The principals should organize meetings with the girl students of the college to advise them to regulate their own movements and interaction, especially with strangers or undesirable characters.

c) Counseling - Do's and Don't's to girl students:

The girl students be also advised to avoid emotional relationships of any sort with males about whose background they have limited knowledge. The girl students should be told about the 'do's' and don't's personal conduct and interpersonal relations.

d) Dissemination of Information is Important:

Tips regarding matters mentioned in item "c" may be put up on the bulletin boards of the girls' hostel.

e) Advise girl students to communicate to their parents and college authorities:

The girl students be also advised to communicate to their parents/relatives and the college authorities about instance(s) of harassment or advances by male students or males from off-campus. (This is necessary in view of past experience that, the victims did not confide any information about the male suspects either to her parents or friends or college authorities).

f) Constitution of Committee of Teachers:

College Principals be advised to constitute committees of socially active teachers, including few women teachers and hostel wardens to organize meetings with girl students for enlightening them about the safety and security of girl students and to maintain rapport with girl students on a continuing basis so that a channel of communication for feedback is available to the college authorities.

g) Utilize "Maitri Sanghams" and seek local Police help:

Principals of Colleges be advised to keep in touch with the local police in all these matters, in the context of Maitri Sanghams being organized in each town/locality of the city/mandal/village meetings of Maitri Sanghams may be planned to highlight the problems of the girl students. One such meeting must be during August of each year with a view to sensitize the students of each college about the need for avoidance of ragging and ensuring the safety and security of girls. At such meetings, information may be passed on regarding the provisions of anti-ragging legislation.

h) Publicity Drive is part of the exercise:

Principals should see that the proceedings of the various meetings organized for this purpose are highlighted in the local press and electronic media.

i) Supreme Court verdict for stringent action:

In addition to the above, the Supreme Court of India in its recent direction to educational institutions (published in news dailies on 10-06-2001), pronounced that educational institutions should obtain an undertaking from each candidate at the time of admission that he/she is aware of the system of punishment in case of ragging other students and that in case he/she is involved in any ragging case, he/she is aware of the scale of punishments, including criminal action, cancellation of admission, expulsion from the hostel, withdrawal of scholarship, fine upto Rs.25,000/- and rigorous imprisonment upto three years, etc. (under legislation in A.P. the maximum fine is Rs.50,000/-).

As such, all Principals are hereby directed to obtain an undertaking from every student. A model declaration to be signed by each of the students (new and continuing) of the college is enclosed for further action at you end. The undertaking/ model posters should be translated into the vernacular wherever relevant.

j) Compliance Report

The University requests from each of the constituent/ affiliated colleges/PG Centres to submit a compliance report before 31st August, 2001 about the measures initiated by the college authorities to prevent ragging and ensure the safety and security of girl students.

**EXTRACTS FROM ANDHRA PRADESH ACT XXVI OF 1997
PROHIBITING RAGGING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Prohibition of Ragging:

Ragging within or outside any educational institution is prohibited.

Penalty for Ragging:

Whoever, with the intention of causing ragging or with the knowledge that he is likely by such act to cause ragging, commits or abets ragging and thereby:-

- (i) teases or embarrasses or humiliates a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both; or
- (ii) assaults or uses criminal force to or criminal force to or criminally intimidates a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both; or
- (iii) wrongfully restrains or wrongfully confines or causes hurt to a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both; or
- (iv) causes grievous hurt to or kidnaps or abducts or rapes or commits unnatural offence with a student shall be punished with Imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees; or
- (v) causes death or abets suicide shall be punished with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years and with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees.

Dismissal of students:

- (1) A student convicted of an offence under section 4 and punished with imprisonment for a term shall be dismissed from the educational institution.
- (2) A student convicted of an offence under section 4 and punished with imprisonment for a term of more than six months shall not be admitted in any other educational institution.

Suspension of student:

- (1) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, whenever any student complains of ragging to the head or manager of an educational institution, such head or manager shall inquire into or cause an inquiry to be made into the same forth with and if the complaint is prima facie found true, shall suspend the student or students complained against for such period as may be deemed necessary.
- (2) The decision of the head or manager of the educational institution under Sub-section (1) shall be final.

Abetment:

- (1) If the head or the manager of an educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in sub-section (1) of section 6, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence and shall be punished with the punishment provided for the offence.
- (2) If a student commits suicide due to or in consequence of ragging, the person who commits such ragging be deemed to have abetted such suicide.

**GUIDELINES FRAMED BY
HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AGAINST RAGGING**

1. All educational institution should provide for committees of parents and guardians and two representatives of students for established a code. This committee shall meet and recommend action against erring students and the management of the institution shall act within four weeks of receipt of such recommendations.
2. Except parents and guardians, no person shall enter the institution without permission of the Principal.
3. Students including in ragging shall be suspended by the Principal and debarred from entering the campus except for attending inquiry or/and submitting explanation.
4. No outsider shall enter the hostel except when permitted by the Warden; in the case of girl students in the hostels even such persons who are permitted by the Warden can meet them only in the presence of the Caretaker, during permitted hours.
5. All students shall possess identity cards and show them on demand.
6. The teacher teaching the first year students shall not leave the class room until the teacher of the subsequent class comes to the class room.
7. The Principal and the Warden besides the authorities or teachers entrusted with this work, can inspect the hostels at any time.

**Undertaking to be filled in and signed by all students
(now admitted and continuing)**

I, (name of the Student)
studying (Year, Degree, Group, section), at
..... (Name of the College, son of
Residing at
(Permanent Home Address with Phone Number, if any), undertake that I am aware
of the system of punishment in case of ragging other student and that in case I
become involved in any manner in any ragging case I am liable for any punishment,
including:

1. Cancellation of admission.
2. Suspension from attending classes.
3. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
4. Debarring from appearing for any test/examination or other evaluation process.
5. Withholding results.
6. Debarring from representing the institution in any national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
7. Suspension, expulsion from the hostel.
8. Rustication from the institution for periods varying from 1 to 2 academic years.
9. Expulsion from the Institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other Institution.
10. Fine upto Rs.50,000/-
11. Rigorous imprisonment upto three years (by Court of Law) etc.

Date:.....

Signature of the Student

**Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institutions
Act 26 of 1997**

SALIENT FEATURES

- # Ragging within or outside any Educational Institution is prohibited
- # Ragging Means doing an Act which causes 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.

Nature of Ragging

Punishment

1. Teasing, Embarrassing and humiliating	Imprisonment upto 6 months or fine upto Rs.1,000/- or Both
2. Assaulting or using criminal force or criminal intimidation.	Imprisonment upto 1 year or fine upto Rs.2,000/- or both
3. Wrongfully restraining or confining or causing hurt	Imprisonment upto 2 years or fine upto Rs.5,000/- or both
4. Causing grievous hurt, Kidnapping or rape or committing unnatural offence	Imprisonment upto 5 years and fine upto Rs.10,000/-
5. Causing death or abetting suicide	Imprisonment upto 10 years and fine upto Rs.50,000/-

Note:

1. A student convicted of any or the above offences, will be expelled from the College.
2. A student imprisoned for more than six months for any of the above offences will not be admitted in any other college.
3. A student against whom there is prima facie evidence of ragging in any form will be suspended from the college immediately.

PRINCIPAL

Prohibition of Ragging

Please Note:

1. Ragging is prohibited as per Act 26 of A.P. Legislative Assembly, 1997.
2. Ragging entails heavy fines and/or imprisonment.
3. Ragging invokes suspension and dismissal from the College
4. Outsiders are prohibited from entering the College and Hostels without permission.
5. Girl Students must be in their Hostel Rooms by 7-00 p.m.
6. All the students must carry their Identity Cards and show them when demanded.
7. The Principal and the Wardens may visit the Hostels and Inspect the rooms any time.

PRINCIPAL

SAMPLE POSTER

SALIENT FEATURES

- # RAGGING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE ANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IS PROHIBITED
- # RAGGING MEANS DOING AN ACT WHICH CAUSES 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

NATURE OF RAGGING		PUNISHMENT
1	TEASING EMBARRASSING AND HUMILIATING	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 6 MONTHS OR FINE UPTO RS.1,000/- OR BOTH
2	ASSAULTING OR USING CRIMINAL FORCE OR CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 1 YEAR OR FINE UPTO RS.2,000/- OR BOTH
3.	WRONGFULLY RESTRAINING OR CONFINING OR CAUSING HURT	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 2 YEARS OR FINE UPTO RS.5,000/- OR BOTH
4.	CAUSING GRIEVOUS HURT, KIDNAPPING OR RAPE OR COMMITTING UNNATURAL OFFENCE	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 5 YEARS AND FINE UPTO RS.10,000/-
5.	CAUSING DEATH OR ABETTING SUICIDE	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 10 YEARS AND FINE UPTO RS.50,000/-

Note:

1. A STUDENT CONVICTED OF ANY OR THE ABOVE OFFENCES, WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE COLLEGE.
2. A STUDENT IMPRISONED FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE OFFENCES WILL NOT BE ADMITTED IN ANY OTHER COLLEGE.
3. A STUDENT AGAINST WHOM THERE IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RAGGING IN ANY FORM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE COLLEGE IMMEDIATELY.
4. THE FULL TEXT OF ACT 26 IS PLACED IN THE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

PRINCIPAL

PROHIBITION OF RAGGING

PLEASE NOTE

1. RAGGING IS PROHIBITED AS PER ACT 26 OF A.P. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1997
2. RAGGING ENTAILS HEAVY FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT
3. RAGGING INVOKES SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL FROM THE COLLEGE
4. OUTSIDERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE COLLEGE AND HOSTELS WITHOUT PERMISSION
5. GIRL STUDENTS MUST BE IN THEIR HOSTEL ROOMS BY 9.00 P.M.
6. ALL THE STUDENTS MUST CARRY THEM WHEN DEMANDED.
7. THE PRINCIPAL AND THE WARDENS WILL VISIT THE HOSTELS AND INSPECT THE ROOMS ANY TIME.
8. SUSPENDED STUDENTS ARE DEBARRED FROM ENTERING THE CAMPUS EXCEPT WHEN REQUIRED TO ATTEND ENQUIRY AND TO SUBMIT AN EXPLANATION.

PRINCIPAL

**PROHIBITION OF RAGGING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ACT 26 OF 1997**

SALIENT FEATURES

- # Ragging within or outside any educational institution is PROHIBITED
- # "RAGGING" means doing an act which causes 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

	ACTION	PUNISHMENT
i	TEASING EMBARRASSING AND HUMILIATING	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 6 MONTHS OR FINE UPTO RS.1,000/- OR BOTH
ii	ASSAULTING OR USING CRIMINAL FORCE OR CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 1 YEAR OR FINE UPTO RS.2,000/- OR BOTH
iii	WRONGFULLY RESTRAINING OR CONFINING OR CAUSING HURT	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 2 YEARS OR FINE UPTO RS.5,000/- OR BOTH
iv	CAUSING GRIEVOUS HURT, KIDNAPPING OR RAPE OR COMMITTING UNNATURAL OFFENCE	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 5 YEARS AND FINE UPTO RS.10,000/-
v	CAUSING DEATH OR ABETTING SUICIDE	IMPRISONMENT UPTO 10 YEARS AND FINE UPTO RS.50,000/-

A student convicted of the above offences, will be dismissed from the College.

THE ANDHRA PRADESH PROHIBITION OF RAGGING ACT, 1997

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Act No.26 of 1997

An Act to Prohibit Ragging in Educational Institutions in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the Forty-eight Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

1. Short title extent and Commencement :—(1) This Act may be called the, Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 4th July, 1997.

2. Definitions :—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) “*act*” includes words either spoken or written or signs or sounds or gestures or visible representations;
- (b) “*Educational Institution*” means and includes a college, or other institution by whatever name called, carrying on the activity or imparting education therein (either exclusively or among other activities); and includes an orphanage or boarding home or hostel or a tutorial institution or any other premises attached thereto;
- (c) “*government*” means the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) “*ragging*” means doing an act which causes or is likely to cause insult or annoyance of fear or apprehension or threat or intimidation or outrage of modesty or injury to a student;

- (f) "student" means person who is admitted to an educational institution and whose name is lawfully borne on the attendance register thereof;
- (g) All words and expressions use but not defined in this Act shall have the meanings assigned to them under the Andhra Pradesh Education Act, 1982 (A.P. Act 1 of 1982) or the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Central Act 45 of 1860) respectively.

3. Prohibition of Ragging :—Ragging within or outside any educational institution is prohibited.

NOTES

Curbing the menace of ragging -- Guidelines issued by Supreme Court :—In *Vishwa Jagriti Mission vs. Central Government*¹, the Supreme Court, dealt with a Public Interest Litigation about the ragging of fresh students in education institutions. The court in exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by Article 32 and Article 142 of the Constitution, issued under of guidelines, which are listed as under.

In exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by Article 32 and Article 142 of the Constitution we issue the following guidelines:

This Court views with concern the increase in the number of incidents of ragging in educational institutions. Some of the reported incidents have crossed the limits of decency, morality and humanity. Some of the States have acted by enacting legislations and making ragging as defined therein, a cognizable and punishable offence. However, we fell ragging cannot be cured merely by making it a cognizable criminal offence. Moreover, we fel that the acts of indiscipline and misbehaviour on the part of the students must primarily be dealt with within the institution and by exercise of the disciplinary authority of the teachers over the students and of the management of the institutions over the teachers and students. Students ought not ordinarily be subjected over the teachers and students. Students ought not ordinarily be subjected to police action unless it be unavoidable. The students going to educational institutions for learning should not remain under constant fear of being dealt with by the police and sent to jail and face the courts. The faith in the teachers for the purpose of maintaining discipline should be restored and the responsibility fixed by emphasising the same.

Broadly speaking, ragging is:

Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with

1. (2001) 6 SCC 577 & 581.

rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.

The cause of indulging in ragging is deriving a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by the seniors over their juniors or freshers.

Ragging can be stopped by creating awareness amongst the students, teachers and parents that ragging is a reprehensible act which does no good to anyone and by simultaneously generating an atmosphere of discipline by sending a clear message that no act of ragging shall be tolerated and any act of ragging shall not go unnoticed and unpunished.

Anti-ragging movement should be initiated by the institutions right from the time of advertisement for admissions. The prospects, the form for admission and/or any other literature issued to the aspirants for admission must clearly mention that ragging is banned in the institution and anyone indulging in ragging is likely to be punished appropriately, which punishment may include expulsion from the institution, suspension from the institution or classes for a limited period or fine with a public apology. The punishment may also take the shape of: (i) withholding scholarships or other benefits, (ii) debarring from representation in events, (iii) withholding results, and (iv) suspension or expulsion from hostel or mess, and the like. If there be any legislation governing ragging or any provisions in the statute/ordinances they should be brought to the notice of the students/parents seeking admissions.

The application form for admission/enrolment shall have a printed undertaking to be filled up and designed by the candidate to the effect that he/she is aware of the institution's approach towards ragging and the punishments to which he or she shall be liable if found guilty of ragging. A similar undertaking shall be obtained from the parent/guardian of the applicant.

Such of the institutions as are introducing such a system for the first time shall ensure undertakings being obtained from the students -- and their parents/guardians -- already studying in the institutions before the commencement of the next educational year/session.

A printed leaflet detailing when and to whom one has to turn for information, help and guidance for various purposes, keeping in view the needs of new entrants in the institution, along with the address and telephone numbers of such persons, should be given to freshers at the time of admissions so that the freshers need not look up to the seniors for help in such matters and feel indebted to or obliged by them.

The management, the principal, the teaching staff should interact with freshers and take them in confidence by apprising them of their rights as well as obligation to fight against ragging and to generate confidence in their mind that any instance of ragging to which they are subjected or which comes in their knowledge, should forthwith be brought to their knowledge and shall be promptly dealt with while protecting the complainants from any harassment by the perpetrators of ragging. It would be better if the head of the institution or a person high in authority addresses meetings of teachers, parents and students collectively or in groups in this behalf.

At the commencement of the academic session, the institution should constitute a Proctorial Committee consisting of senior faculty members and hostel authorities like Wardens and a few responsible senior students:

- (i) to keep a continuous watch and vigil over ragging so as to prevent its occurrence and recurrence;
- (ii) to promptly deal with the incidents of ragging brought to its notice and summarily punish the guilty either by itself or by putting forth its findings/recommendations/suggestions before the authority competent to take decision.

All vulnerable locations shall be identified and especially watched.

The local community and the students in particular must be made aware of the dehumanising effect of ragging inherent in its perversity. Posters, notice boards and signboards -- wherever necessary, may be used for the purpose.

Failure to prevent ragging shall be construed as an act of negligence in maintaining discipline in the institution on the part of the management, the principal and the persons in authority of the institution. Similar responsibility shall be liable to be fixed on Hostel Wardens/Superintendents.

The hostels/accommodations where freshers are accommodated shall be carefully guarded, if necessary by posting security personnel, and placed in charge of a Warden/Superintendent who should himself/herself reside there at, and wherein the entry of seniors and outsiders shall be prohibited after a specified hour of the night and before except under the permission of the person in charge. Entry at other times may also be regulated.

If the individuals committing or abetting ragging are not identified, collective punishment could be restored to act as a deterrent punishment and to ensure collective pressure on the potential ragers.

Migration certificate issued by the institution should have an entry apart from that of general conduct and behaviour whether the student had participated in and in particular was punished for ragging.

If an institution fails to curb ragging, UGC/funding agency may consider stoppage of financial assistance to such an institution till such time as it achieves the same. A university may consider disaffiliating a college or institution failing to curb ragging.

The Universities and the institutions shall, at a reasonable time before the commencement of an academic year, and thereafter at such frequent intervals as may be expedient, deliberate over and devise such positive and constructive activities to be arranged by involving the students generally so that the seniors and juniors, and the existing students and the freshers, interact with each other in a healthy atmosphere and develop a friendly relationship so as to behave like members of a family in an institution. Seniors or juniors should be encouraged to exhibit their talents in such events so as to shed their complexes.

The Supreme Court made it clear that these guidelines are only illustrative and are not intended to come in the way of the institutions and authorities devising ways and means to curb ragging. If there are local laws governing ragging they shall be implemented. Ragging, if it becomes unmanageable or amounts to a cognizable offence, the same may be reported to the police. However, the police should be called in or allowed entry in the campus at the instance of the head of the institution or the person in charge. The Court expected the police also to deal with such incidents when brought to its notice for action by keeping in mind that they are dealing with students and not criminals. The action of the police should never be violent and be always guided by a correctional attitude.

4. Penalty for Ragging :—Whoever, with the intention of causing ragging or with the knowledge that he is likely by such act to cause ragging, commits or abets ragging and thereby—

- (i) teases or embarrasses or humiliates a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both; or
- (ii) assaults or uses criminal force to criminally intimidates a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both; or
- (iii) wrongfully restrains or wrongfully confines or causes hurt to a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both; or
- (iv) causes grievous hurt to or kidnaps or abducts or rapes or commits unnatural offence with a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees; or
- (v) causes death or abets suicide shall be punished with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years and with a fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees.

5. Dismissal of student :—(1) A student convicted of an offence under Section 4 and punished with imprisonment for a term shall be dismissed from the educational institution.

(2) A student convicted of an offence under Section 4 and punished with imprisonment for a term of more than six months shall not be admitted in any other educational institution.

6. Suspension of student :—(1) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, whenever any student complains of ragging to the head or manager of an educational institution, such head or manager shall inquire into or cause an inquiry to be made into the same forthwith and if the complaint is prima facie found true, shall suspend the student or students complained against for such period as may be deemed necessary.

(2) The decision of the head or manager of the educational institution under sub-section (1) shall be final.

7. Abetment :—(1) If the head or the manager of an educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in sub-section (1) of Section 6, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence and shall be punished with the punishment provided for the offence.

(2) If a student commits suicide due to or in consequence of ragging, the person who commits such ragging shall be deemed to have abetted such suicide.

8. Other laws not affected :—The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not derogatory of any law for the time being in force.

9. Power to make rules :—(1) The Government may by notification, make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall immediately after it is made, be laid before the Legislative Assembly of the State, if it is in session and if it is not in session, in the session immediately following for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiration of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following the Legislative Assembly agrees in making any modification in the rule or in the annulment of the rule, the rule shall, from the date on which the modification or annulment is notified, have effect only in such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

10. Repeal of Ordinance 12 of 1997 :—The Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ordinance Ragging, 1997 is hereby repealed.

¹ANDHRA PRADESH PROHIBITION OF RAGGING IN ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS RULES, 2002

[G.O.Ms.No.67, Higher Education (EC) dt.31st August, 2002]

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 (A.P. Act 26 of 1997) the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules relating to Prohibition of Ragging in all Educational Institutions in the State.

1. Short title :--These rules may be called the "Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging in all Educational Institutions Rules, 2002.

2. Definition :--In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:--

- (a) "*act*" includes words either spoken or written or signs or sounds or gestures or visible representation.
- (b) "*educational Institutions*" means an include a College or other institution by whatever name called, carrying on the activity or imparting Education therein (either exclusively or among other activities) and includes an orphanage or boarding home or hostel or Tutorial Institution or other premises attached thereto.
- (c) "*government*" means the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) "*notification*" means notification published in Andhra Pradesh Gazette and the word "notified" shall be construed accordingly.
- (e) "*ragging*" means doing an act which causes or is likely to cause insult or annoyance of fear or apprehension or threat or intimidation or outrage of modesty or injury to a student.
- (f) "*student*" means a person who is admitted into an Educational Institution and whose name is lawfully borne on the attendance register thereof.