

Re: No. 2639/Complts-3/2004-2009

Office of the
Director General of Police
A.P. Hyderabad
Dt. 23-06-2009

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EXPRESS MEMO

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Sub: **Enforcement of the UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions under Section 26 (1)(g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956- Instructions issued – Reg.**

Ref: - Express Memo even Rc No. 2639/Complts-3/2004 of the office of DGP, AP, Hyd dt 28.8.07

In addition to the provisions of AP Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 and the GO Ms. No. 67 of Higher Education (EC) Department dt 31.8.02 regarding Prohibition of Ragging in the Educational Institutions in the State of AP-framing of AP Prohibition of Ragging in the Educational Institutions Rules and in view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of "University of Kerala v/s. Council, Principals, Colleges and others" in SLP no. 24295 of 2006 dated 16.05.2007 and that dated 8.05.2009 in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, and in consideration of the determination of the Central Government and the University Grants Commission brings forth the Regulation namely "**UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009**".

In order to eliminate ragging by a student over any fresher or any other student in all its forms from universities deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country by prohibiting it and the above regulations constituted '**certain acts**' of behavior of students as '**ragging**' and they are as follows:-

- a. any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of '**teasing**', '**treating**' or '**handling with rudeness**' a fresher or any other student;
- b. indulging in **rowdy** or **in-disciplined activities** by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student;
- c. asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or **generating a sense of shame**, or **torment** or **embarrassment** so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student;

- d. any act by a senior student that **prevents, disrupts or disturbs** the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- e. exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- g. any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;
- h. any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student ;
- i. any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.

These regulations brought the above acts under the purview of certain crime heads and they are as follows:-

1. Abetment to ragging;
2. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
3. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
4. Public nuisance created during ragging;
5. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
6. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
7. Wrongful restraint;
8. Wrongful confinement;
9. Use of criminal force;
10. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
11. Extortion;
12. Criminal trespass;
13. Offences against property;
14. Criminal intimidation;
15. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
16. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
17. Physical or psychological humiliation;
18. All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".

The above regulations imposed certain concrete duties and responsibilities on the part of institutions and they are briefly as follows:-

1. Taking affidavit both from student and parents/guardians at the time of admission to the effect that the concerned student should not indulge in any form of ragging.

2. The institution should take certificate of testimonial from the student while admission.
3. Displaying and explaining the ill effects of ragging in and around the institution and makes institution to give vast publicity through dailies visual media about the effects of ragging and bring the awareness among the students community in particular and public in general.
4. Conduct **a fresher's day with in a month** of opening of the institution.
5. Informing to the police authorities immediately soon after the ragging compliant is reported for taking **penal action**.
6. **Creation of anti ragging squad** to keep watch against the offenders of ragging and make instant spot enquires and also submits reports to the committees and counsels formed by the institutions in all the institutions to deal with the ragging complaints for taking suitable action by the institutions against the students indulging in the ragging
7. When the institutions fail to adhere to the above regulations the UGC will take stringent action against the defaulting institutions

All the SsP / CsP are **requested to notify** the regulations to all educations in their jurisdictions and see the regulations are strictly implemented with out fail. Firm legal action should be taken for any violation. They should conduct regular seminars / workshops involving intellectuals, parents, Principals, Wardens, Women Organizations etc to bring awareness about the ill effects of ragging and possible solutions to be arrived at, if the regulations formulated by UGC are totally adhered. For detailed regulations issued by UGC may be obtained from www.ugc.ac.in.

The Government of India also stated a toll free anti-ragging help line to function 24 X 7 : 1800 180 5522 and 155222. Similarly Crime Stopper Call No.1090 should be activated and published

The receipt of the circular memorandum may please be acknowledged.

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