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UGC regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009

In view of the increasing incidents of ragging in colleges and elsewhere that reached proportions unbecoming of a civilised society the Hon'ble Supreme court admitted and heard the SLP No (s) 24295 of 2006 University of Kerala Vs Council, Principals', Colleges, Kerala & Ors (with SLP(C) No.24296-99/2004 & W.P. (CrI) No. 173/2006 and SLP(C) No.14356/2005).

In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India , the UGC has issued anti-ragging regulations which is termed as **"UGC regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009"**

The new law defines ragging as "any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken, written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student. It includes indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or raises fear or apprehension in a fresher or a junior student."

Factors enlisted by the UGC

- 1) Primary responsibility for curbing ragging rests with academic institutions themselves.
- 2) Ragging adversely impacts the standards of higher education.
- 3) Besides slapping the IPC provisions in serious offences, the punishment for ragging includes expulsion. The institution shall file an FIR with the police whenever a case of ragging is reported. It will, however, continue with its own inquiry and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police. The burden of proof would lie on the perpetrator of ragging and not the victim. Fresher who do not report ragging, as victims or witnesses, shall also be punished.
- 4) Besides proposing punishments ranging from expulsion and debarring students from admission to any other institute, rustication from 1-4 semesters, admission cancellation, debarring from examinations, Rs 25,000 fine, withholding results, expulsion from hostel and collective punishment for all those found involved in ragging, the UGC has gone a step ahead asking institutes to ensure that no ragging is carried out even in private lodges (place is not the part of institute) where students are staying and these are registered with the local police.
- 5) UGC regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, apply to all varsities under the Central or State Act, all institutions deemed to be university and to all departments and their premises as well as modes of transport — public or private.

6) Action against students apart, the university will be empowered to withhold grants, impose penalty and even withdraw affiliation/recognition of an institution if it fails to comply with the regulations.

7) The UGC will also be able to withhold/stop all grants, delist institutions and declare them ineligible for any assistance and collaborations in such cases.

8) The commission will offer incentives to institutions with a blemish-free record of strict action against ragging with special annual grants-in-aid, financial awards and incentives for the post of wardens to attract the 'right type' of candidates.

9) At the time of admission, each student will have to submit an undertaking (Affidavit signed by students and parent/guardians) which will be part of the application form stating awareness of anti-ragging regulations and affirming that he will not indulge in any act that amounts to ragging.

10) Complying with the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India the institution has to form the following Anti-ragging committees and squads for overseeing the implementation of the provisions of the verdict with immediate effect:

i) The institutional level Anti-ragging Squads and Hostel level Anti-ragging

ii) Squads will work in co-ordination with institutional level

In this connection all Heads of Departments/Class Teachers/members discipline committee of the are instructed to bring the above Rules and regulations to the notice of students for prevention and prohibition of ragging in this college(sheet attached). The circular and the annexure are to be displayed in the Departmental Notice Board for reference of the students.

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