

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN
HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009.
(Under Section 26 (1) (g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956)
Dated June, 2009

PREAMBLE

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 to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging including 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, or indulging in rowdy or indiscipline activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or 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, 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, in all higher education institutions in the country, and thereby, to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students, the University Grants Commission, in consultation with the Councils, brings forth this Regulation.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following Regulations, namely;

What constitutes Ragging:-?

- a. Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts: 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 indiscipline 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.

Administrative action in the event of Ragging:

The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed herein under:

- a. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.
- b. The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;
 - i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
 - ii. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
 - iii. Debaring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
 - iv. Withholding results.
 - v. Debaring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - vi. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
 - vii. Cancellation of admission.
 - viii. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters.
 - ix. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debaring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
 - x. Fine which may extend up to Rs.2.5 Lakh. Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.
- c. An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,
 - i. In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
 - ii. In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.
 - iii. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.

Where an institution, being constituent of, affiliated to or recognized by a University, fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations or fails to curb ragging effectively, such University may take any one or more of the following actions, namely;

- i. Withdrawal of affiliation/recognition or other privileges conferred.
- ii. Prohibiting such institution from presenting any student or students then undergoing any programme of study therein for the award of any degree/diploma of the University. Provided that where an institution is prohibited from presenting its student or students, the Commission shall make suitable arrangements for the other students so as to ensure that such students are able to pursue their academic studies.
- iii. Withholding grants allocated to it by the university, if any
- iv. Withholding any grants canalized through the university to the institution.
- v. Any other appropriate penalty within the powers of the university.

Where in the opinion of the appointing authority, a lapse is attributable to any member of the faculty or staff of the institution, in the matter of reporting or taking prompt action to prevent an incident of ragging or who display an apathetic or insensitive attitude towards complaints of ragging, or who fail to take timely steps, whether required under these Regulations or otherwise, to prevent an incident or incidents of ragging, then such authority shall initiate departmental enquiry, in accordance with the prescribed procedure of the institution, against such member of the faculty or staff. Provided that where such lapse is attributable to the Head of the institution, the authority designated to appoint such Head shall take such action.

The Commission shall, in respect of any institution that fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators or incidents of ragging suitably, take one or more of the following measures,

- i. Withdrawal of declaration of fitness to receive grants under section 12B of the Act.
- ii. Withholding any grant allocated.
- iii. Declaring the institution ineligible for consideration for any assistance under any of the general or special assistance programmes of the Commission.
- iv. Informing the general public, including potential candidates for admission, through a notice displayed prominently in the newspapers or other suitable media and posted on the website of the Commission, declaring that the institution does not possess the minimum academic standards.
- v. Taking such other action within its powers as it may deem fit and impose such other penalties as may be provided in the Act for such duration of time as the institution complies with the provisions of these Regulations. Provided that the action taken under this clause by the Commission against any institution shall be shared with all Councils.

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(ANNEXURE I)

UNDERTAKING BY THE STUDENT/CANDIDATE

I, _____

(Full name of the Student)

S/o/d/oMr./Mrs./Ms. _____

having been admitted to the D.M,s College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Assagao-Mapusa-Goa, have received a copy of the UGC regulations on curbing the Menace of ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009(hereinafter called the Regulations) carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said regulations and the directions of the supreme court and the Central/ State Government in this regard.

1. I have also in particular perused Clause 7 and Clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and the administrative action that is liable to be taken against me I case if am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
2. I hereby solemnly affirm and undertake that
 - a. I will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under Clause 3 of the Regulations.
 - b. I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging in under Clause 3 of the Regulations.
3. I hereby affirm that if found guilty of any aspect of ragging, I may be punished as per the provisions of the UGC Regulations mentioned without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or as per the law in force.
4. I hereby affirm that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being a part of the conspiracy to promote ragging; and further affirm that, in case if the declaration is found untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be cancelled.

Signed this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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(ANNEXURE II)
UNDERTAKING BY THE PARENT / GUARDIAN

I, _____
(Full name of the parent/guardian) father/mother/guardian of,
F/o M/o G/o Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
(Full name of the Student)

having been admitted to the D.M,s College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Assagao-Mapusa-Goa, have received a copy of the UGC regulations on curbing the Menace of ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009(hereinafter called the Regulations) carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said regulations and the directions of the supreme court and the Central/ State Government in this regard.

1. I have also in particular perused Clause 7 and Clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and the administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward if my ward is found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

2. I hereby solemnly affirm and undertake that:

a. My ward will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under Clause 3 of the Regulations.

b. My ward will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging in under Clause 3 of the Regulations

3. I hereby affirm that if found guilty of any aspect of ragging, my ward shall be liable for _____ punishment according to 9.1 clause of the Regulations without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or as per the law in force.

4. I hereby affirm that my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being a part of the conspiracy to promote ragging; and further affirm that, in case if the declaration is found untrue, I am aware that my ward's admission is liable to be cancelled

Signed this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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