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WHAT IS RAGGING?

(as defined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India)

Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any junior student, indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities which cause 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 student(s) to do any act or perform something which the student will not do in an ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely effect the psyche and do a physical harm to a fresher or a junior student.

What Constitutes Ragging?

Ragging constitutes one or any of the follows 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 indisciplined 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.

EFFECT OF RAGGING :-

- ✓ After experiencing the evils of ragging, a student develops a feeling of revenge for his / her 'unjustified harassment' and derives pleasure in ragging his/ her juniors on his/ her turn. So the trend goes on and students continue to suffer.
- ✓ Those who surrender before their seniors are set free from the torment after going through a series of inhuman acts, but those who refuse to follow their diktats are often subjected to barbaric and brutal treatment and are even forced to urinate on high voltage heaters, take part in naked parades, shave off their moustaches and beards, and stand upside down on their heads etc.
- ✓ The situation sometimes turns so bad that it compels the ragging victim to commit suicide. A section of students feel that light ragging should be allowed in educational institutions, while some oppose to the idea and demand stricter punishment for those involved in it.

Recommendations of The Supreme Court against Ragging :-

- Ragging in any form is a criminal offence and hence the ragging offenders should be treated by Police and the Court of Law at par with any other criminal under Indian Penal Code.
- Courts should make an effort to ensure that cases involving ragging are taken up on a priority basis to send the correct message that ragging is not only to be discouraged but also to be dealt with sternness.
- 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/ her parent/guardian or the Head of institution is not satisfied with the institutional arrangement for action, a First Information Report must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities. Any failure on the part of the institutional authority or negligence or deliberate delay in lodging the FIR with the local police shall be construed to be an act of culpable negligence on the part of the institutional authority. If any victim or his/her parent/guardian intends to file FIR directly with the police, that will not absolve the institutional authority from the requirement of filing the FIR.

Actions to be taken by the Institution: -

On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of Institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely;

- a) Abetment to ragging;
- b) Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- c) Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- d) Public nuisance created during ragging;
- e) Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- f) Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- g) Wrongful restraint;
- h) Wrongful confinement;
- i) Use of criminal force;
- j) Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;

- k) Extortion;
- l) Criminal trespass;
- m) Offences against property;
- n) Criminal intimidation;
- o) Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- p) Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- q) Physical or psychological humiliation;
- r) All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging"

Provided that the Head of institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated institution. Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

UGC Regulations (considering order of Hon'ble Supreme Court) :-

PREAMBLE: In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated, 8.05.2009 and in consideration of the determination of the Central Government and the University Grants Commission to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging.

The University Grants Commission vide its letter no F.1-16/2007 (CPP-II) dated June 17,2009 has reiterated the ban on ragging of students in Institutions of Higher Learning. The students are therefore directed to strictly desist from any kind of ragging.

OBJECTIVE : To eliminate ragging in all its forms from universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country by prohibiting it under these Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these Regulations and the appropriate law in force.

Forms of Ragging :

Display of noisy, disorderly conduct, teasing, excitement by rough or rude treatment or handling, including rowdy, undisciplined activities which cause or likely to cause annoyance, undue hardship, physical or psychological harm or raise apprehensive fear in a fresher, or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such a student will not do in the ordinary course and which causes him/her shame or embarrassment or danger to his/her life, etc.

Ragging is a violation of human rights.

*Respect humanitarian values
and say NO to Ragging.*

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nor an introduction with freshers,
but a form of psychopathic behaviour.*

SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM

Institute Authorities :-

- More care;
- Sensitisation programs for freshers and seniors;
- promote cultural & sports activities for fresher-senior interaction;
- Stagered entry for freshers and seniors
- pro-active checking in hostels;
- Regular anonymous surveys of the entire fresher batch.

Students and Parents :-

Each student and his/her parents/guardian shall have to furnish an affidavit along with the application from to the effect that they will not participate in or abet the act of ragging and that, if found guilty, shall be liable for punishment under the penal law of India.

Punishment(s) for Participation in/or Abetment of Ragging :-

1. Cancellation of admission.
2. Suspension from attending classes.
3. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
4. Debarring from appearing in 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 4 semesters or equivalent period.
9. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
10. Fine up to Rs. 25,000/-.

West Bengal Act XIII of 2000 (The West Bengal Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institutions Act 2000) :-

As stipulated in the above Act:

“Ragging”: means the doing of any act which causes, or is likely to cause, any physical, psychological or physiological harm or apprehension or shame or embarrassment to a student, and includes –

- a) teasing or abusing or, playing practical joke on, or causing hurt to any student, or
- b) asking any student to do any act, or perform anything, which he/she would not, in the ordinary course, be willing to do or perform;

and **“STUDENT”** means a student who has been prosecuting his studies in an educational institution.

Section 3 (1) : Ragging within an educational Institution is hereby prohibited.

Section 3 (2) : No person shall participate in, abet or propagate ragging in any educational Institution.

Explanation – For the purpose of this section, educational Institution shall include –

- a) the premises or the campus of the educational Institution, or
- b) the hall, that is to say, the unit of residence of students maintained by the educational Institution, if any, or
- c) the hostel, that is to say, the unit of residence for students, if any, not maintained by the educational Institution but recognized under any law for the time being in force.

Section 4 : Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 3 shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or with both.

Section 5 : If any student is convicted of an offence punishable under section 4, he shall be dismissed from the educational Institution in which he has been prosecuting his studies for the time being, and shall not be re-admitted to that educational Institution.

Section 6 : Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this Act, where a student complains of ragging by any other student to the head of the educational Institution or to any other person responsible for the management of the educational institution, such head of the educational Institution or person responsible for the management of the educational Institution shall forthwith enquire into the complaint and if, on such enquiry, the complaint is found to be true, he shall expel the student, who committed the offence, from the educational Institution.

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**Action will be taken against offenders as per
Supreme Court rulings and USG norms**