Curbing the Menace of Ragging

The Ragging is defined as any disorderly conduct, whether by words spoken or written by an act, has the effect of teasing, treating, or handling with rudeness a fresher or a junior student. Indulging in a rowdy or undisciplined activity that causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or junior student. Asking the students to do any act or perform something that such students 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 junior student. This can lead to adverse effects such as depression, anxiety and sometimes. Even suicide.

Punishment Provisions

Any student or group of students found guilty of ragging on campus or off campus shall be liable to one or more of the following punishments:

- Debarring from appearing in any sessional test/university examination or withholding results
- Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
- Withdrawing scholarship and other benefits.
- Suspension from the college for a period of one month
- Cancellation of admission
- Debarring from representing the institution in any national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- Rustication from the institution for periods varying 1 to 4 semesters or equivalent period
- Expulsion from institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution
- Fine up to twenty five thousand rupees
- Imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees with both
- Collective punishment – When the students committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.

Any institution that fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to act in accordance with the regulations or fails to punish perpetrators or incidents of ragging suitably is liable to the penalties and punishment as per the provisions of the Regulations.

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Zero Tolerance Policy in India

- No act of ragging, major or minor, shall go unnoticed. No ragger, male or female, student or non/student, shall go unpunished, No institution that fails to take action against ragging shall be allowed to operate.
- The Supreme Court, in its judgment dated 08 May 2009 ordered the implementation of a ragging prevention programme comprising, inter aila, setting up a tool-free anti-ragging helpline/ call center, a database of intuitions/ student, and engaging an independent non-government agency as the monitoring agency.
- Regulatory provisions and the appropriate law are in force to eliminate ragging in all its forms from the universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country by prohibiting, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging.

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(AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED UPTO APRIL-2018)
MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 3rd August, 2009

No.MCI-34(1)/2009-Med./25453, In exercise of the powers conferred by section 33 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956) the Medical Council of India with the pervious sanction of the Central Government herby makes the following Regulations, namely:-

1. Short title, commencement and applicability

(i) These Regulations may be called the Medical Council of India (Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging in Medical Colleges/Institutions), 2009.

(ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Objective:-

To root out ragging in all its form from medical colleges/institutions in the country by prohibiting it by law, preventing its occurrence by following the provisions of these Regulations and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these Regulation and the appropriate law in force.

3. Definitions :- For the purpose of these Regulations:-

3.1 "Medical College" means an institution, whether known as such or by any other name, which provides for a programme, beyond 12 years of schooling, for obtaining recognized MBBS qualification from a university and which, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such university, is recognized as competent to provide for such programmes of study and present students undergoing such programmes of study for the examination for the award of recognized MBBS/;PG Degree/ Diploma qualifications.

3.2 "Head of the institution" means the Dean /Principal/Director of the concerned medical college/Institution.

The above sub-clause 3.3 shall be substituted in terms of notification published on 28.03.2016 in the Gazette of India with the following:

3.3 Ragging" includes the following:

- Any conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of harassing teasing, treating or handling with 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 junior student.

- Asking the students to do any act or perform something that such students will not 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 junior student.
- The conduct includes but is not restricted to any by a senior student prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher, exploiting the service of a fresher, or a group of student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of student; any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing absence and lewd acts, gestures causing bodies harm or any other danger to health or person
- Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, "vicarious or sadistic thrill from activity or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other students 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.

The following have been added after sub-clause 3.3 in terms of notification published on 05.04.2018 in the Gazette of India.

"Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background."

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