

RULES REGARDING RAGGING AND ITS PREVENTION

1.1 As per the current orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India/ Medical Council of India / Dental Council of India / University Grant Commission, the following should be noted by all candidates and their parents/ guardians.

1.2 Ragging in any form is strictly forbidden. Ragging is defined as "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 undisciplined 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."

1.3 In this connection an extract of relevant directions received from Medical Council of India are reproduced as under:

- (a) Every student for the purpose of his/her admission to the institution shall furnish a character certificate as prescribed by the university from the institutions where from he/she has passed his qualifying examination, which would mention the status of his /her behavioural pattern specially in terms as to whether he/she displayed persistent violent or aggressive behaviour or any desire to harm others.
- (b) The admitting medical institution shall keep intense watch upon students who has a negative entry in this regard.
- (c) An annual self-undertaking signed by each student, whether fresher or senior and his/her parent(s) jointly stating that each of them have read the relevant instructions/regulations against ragging, as well as punishment and that if the ward has been found guilty he/she shall be proceeded against, shall be procured.
- (d) Such a self-undertaking shall be furnished in English, Hindi as well in vernacular (mother tongue of the parent) at the beginning of each academic year by every student as prescribed by the university.
- (e) In order to ensure the 'ragging free environment in the campus, each institution shall compulsorily mention in the Prospectus and other admission related documents and shall depict the earlier directions of the Apex court and / or of the Central/State Governments pertaining to ragging as applicable, so that candidates and their parents are sensitized in respect of the prohibition and consequences of ragging.
- (f) Each constituent college shall have an Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti Ragging Squad, which shall comprise of other than senior teachers of the institution, representatives of Civil & Police administration and local media.
- (g) In case the victim of ragging or his/her parents/guardian are not satisfied with the action taken by the Head of the Institution or by other Institutional authorities, or where Head of the Institution is of the opinion that the incident ought to be so reported,

it shall be mandatory for the institution to file a First Information Report with the Local police authorities.

(h) In case the applicant for admission is found to have indulged in ragging in the past or it is noticed later that he has indulged in ragging, admission may be refused or he/she shall be expelled from the institution as per judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP (Civil) No. 24295/2004.

1.4 Ragging in any form shall constitute a criminal offence. A student involved in ragging may face the following disciplinary action:

- (a) Expelled from the institution.
- (b) Banned from the mess/hostel.
- (c) His/her scholarship can be withdrawn.
- (d) Debarred from examinations.
- (e) Prosecuted for criminal action.
- (f) Lodging of FIR with Local police against those who RAG/ ABET ragging.
- (g) Deterrent fine imposed in addition to above.

1.5 If any incidence of ragging comes to the notice of the authority, the concerned student shall be given the liberty to explain and if his /her explanation is not found satisfactory, the authority would proceed with action as outlined above.

1.6 The aggrieved students are free to report any incidence of ragging to any member of the ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE by written communication, telephone or SMS. All efforts will be made to keep the name of the reporting person confidential. The names and telephone numbers of the members of this committee will be provided to the students soon after admission.