

GUIDELINES OF AP HIGH COURT

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

Circular Memo No.4276/EC/A2/2006-1

Dated 20-03-2006

Sub:- Higher Education – A.P. Prohibition of Ragging Act 1997 (Act 26/1997)- Orders of High Court in W.P.No.23345/2005 dt. 2-12-2005 prescribing certain guidelines for prevention of ragging in Educational Institutions – Circular Instructions-Issued.

Ref:- 1. A.P. Prohibition of Ragging Act 1997 (Act 26/1997)
2. G.O.Ms.No.67, Hr.Edn.(EC-2) Dept. dt. 31-08-2002.
3. Orders of High Court, dt. 2-12-2005 in W.P.No.23345/2005.

Act 26 of 1997 prohibits Ragging within or outside any Educational Institution. Orders have been issued in G.O.Ms.No.67, Higher Education (EC) Department dt. 31-08-2002, prescribing certain guidelines for prevention of Ragging in the Educational institutions of the State. The Hon'ble High Court in their orders dt. 2-12-2005 in W.P.No.23345/2005 laid down certain guidelines for strict compliance to avoid the recurrence of ragging in future as mentioned below:

- i) That every educational institution should notify the disadvantages of ragging and also the consequences there of and the punishments for violation of the same in their prospectus for admission.
- ii) That as soon as the admissions of the fresher have started all the educational institutions must see that the students are made aware of the disadvantages of the ragging, either by conducting classes or by way of lectures by the concerned teachers of the institution at least for a group of students as identified, allotting one class in each week/month, for bringing to the notice of the students about the disadvantages of ragging;
- iii) All the communications of media like the Televisions, News papers, Open circulars, suitable posters at colleges and hostel premises etc., by the Principal/head of the institution and that Public Address system should be utilized to bring to the notice of the students that ragging is a serious offence and wide publicity should be given mostly in the places where educational institutions are situated and at the traffic junctions through the public address system, at least, at specified hours.
- iv) Strict surveillance should be maintained in such locations for prevention of ragging.
- v) The educational institutions, who are able to afford, can also utilize the channels of media to give adequate publicity to the negative aspects of ragging and also narrating the past incidents of suicides, so that public awareness and aversion can be built up against ragging, as once life is lost, it is lost for ever in view of the fact that the agony of the parents cannot be explained in words as they would be sending their children with a hope that their children would come out of the portals of educational institutions with good education in near future;

- vi) As the matter relates to the students at large, the authorities i.e. District Collector and the Police department should cooperate with the educational institutions to bring awareness amongst the student community by arranging group meetings between the students of certain institutions at specified times and at specified places in the same college campus about the 'disadvantages of ragging', so that the students, if any, have any idea of indulging into ragging, would definitely change their minds.
- vii) Whenever any student complains of ragging to the Head of the Educational Institution, such head shall enquire into the same forthwith and if the complaint is found true, shall take serious action against such doer of the act.
- viii) The Head of the institution shall constitute anti ragging squads involving teachers and students to prevent ragging and keep continuous watch and vigil over ragging so as to prevent its occurrence and recurrence.
- ix) The Principal/Head of the institution shall obtain an undertaking in writing from the students at the time of admission that they shall not resort to ragging inside or outside the institution;
- x) As soon as fresh admissions are over, Principal/head of the institution should see that there should be an assembly of the students of all classes including the fresher and seniors wherein the lecturers should take part with regard to the interaction amongst them and also the lecturers, staff and the students should be requested to take oath that they will not resort to ragging and they will move friendly with all the freshers and juniors, and if that is done, the students community at large would definitely understand the disadvantages of ragging.
- xi) At the commencement of the Academic session, the Review Committee headed by the District Collector and the Superintendent of Police of the concerned Districts should ensure that there is an interaction with the students at large periodically, may be twice in a month, till the students i.e. freshers are settled down in their colleges so that the act of ragging comes down and the fresher feel confident and secure in their college campus;
- xii) The Universities and the institutions shall, at a reasonable time before the commencement of an academic year, and at frequent intervals, deliberate over and devise such positive and constructive activities to be arranged by involving the students generally so that the seniors and juniors, and the existing students and the freshers, interact with each other in a healthy atmosphere and develop a friendly relationship so as to behave like members of a family in an institution;

xiii) To stop the ragging, awareness should be brought amongst the students, teachers and parents that ragging is a reprehensible act which does no good to any one and by simultaneously generating an atmosphere of discipline by a clear message that no act of ragging shall go unnoticed and unpunished.

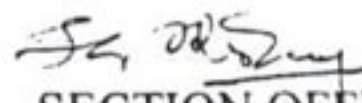
2. All Heads of Departments mentioned in the address entries are requested to communicate the above directions of High Court of A.P. to all Educational Institutions both aided and un-aided colleges/universities for strict compliance of the above instructions.

3. Receipt of the Memo may please be acknowledged.

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To
The Commissioner of Technical Education, Hyderabad
The Commissioner of Collegiage Education, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Intermediate Education, Hyderabad.
All the Registrars of Universities in the State.
The Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Nampally, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P.State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad.
Copy to: All Collectors in the State.
The G.P. for Higher Education, A.P. High Court, Hyderabad.
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