

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HIGHER EDUCATION [CE] DEPARTMENT

Circular Memo.No.7525/CE.A1/2016

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Sub: Higher Education - Anti Ragging Policy - Comprehensive
Guidelines issued – reiterated

- Ref: 1. A.P. Prohibition of Ragging act, 1997 [Act No.26 of 1997],
2. G.O.Ms.No.67, HE[CE] dept., dt.31.08.2002,
3. Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher
Educational Institutions, 2009, issued by University Grants
Commission,
4. Circular Memo.No.7524/CE.A1/2015-1, dt.25.07.2015
5. Circular Memo.No.7525/CE.A1/2015-1, dt.04.08.2015

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The Government of Andhra Pradesh has initiated several steps to transform Andhra Pradesh State into a Knowledge Society and Education Hub of global standing.

2. The state has made significant progress in this regard. However, certain stray incidents of ragging have come to light, despite strict guidelines / instructions issued from time to time by the Government. Against this backdrop, it is felt necessary to reiterate the main aspects of the Anti-Ragging Policy of Government, to be read with circular instructions, circulars and GOs already issued in the matter, for guidance of all concerned, as follows:

A] Ragging is prohibited within or outside any educational institution.

B] whoever teases or embarrasses or humiliates a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both [or] assaults or uses criminal force to or criminally intimidates a students hall be punished with punishment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both [or] wrongfully restrains or wrongfully confines or causes hurt go a students hall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both [or] causes grievous hurt to or kidnaps or abducts or rapes or commits unnatural offence with a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees [or] causes death or abets suicide shall be punished with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years and with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees .

C] It is responsibility of the Head/Manager of educational institution, upon receiving any complaint on ragging, to inquire into or cause an inquiry to be made forthwith and take such action as deemed necessary and he shall be punished in case of negligence.

D] A Review Committee will be constituted by the District Collector as Chairperson and other members will be Superintendent of Police as Vice Chairperson; Revenue Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Police Officer, College Principal as members. The Committee shall meet twice before the academic session and twice during academic session. Apart from this, the educational institutions should provide for the constitution of a Committee consisting of parents and guardians of the students.

- E] Every Institution shall constitute a Committee to be known as **Anti Ragging Committee** to be nominated and headed by the Head of the institution, and consisting of representatives of Civil society & Police; Local media; Non Govt. organizations; Faculty members; Parents & students.
- F] Every institution shall constitute a smaller body to be known as the Anti Ragging Squad to be nominated by the HOD.
- G] Every institution shall constitute a body to be known as Monitoring Cell on Ragging and coordinate with the affiliated colleges under domain of the University.
- H] No Outsiders other than inmates of the hostels shall stay in the hostels and no outsiders shall stay on campus, whatsoever.
- I] The entry into hostels and Mess shall be by biometric identity only.
- J] The hostel corridors shall have CC-TV cameras fixed.
- K] The biometric data and video footage shall be monitored by third party arrangement to avoid tampering.
- L] A periodical inspection and cross verification of data shall be verified by the administrative staff.
- M] Disciplinary Committees may be constituted at Hostel level, which should be vigilant by conducting several inspections particularly during vulnerable times and at vulnerable places. There shall be student representatives in the committee. The mischievous elements shall be identified and mischievous actions shall be liable for punishment as per the rulebook of the University/college/institution.
- N] A quarterly review of disciplinary measures and facilities with regard to hostels shall be undertaken by the Vice Chancellor/Principal concerned and a status report has to be sent to the Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education/ Commissioner of Collegiate Education/ Commissioner of Technical Education, who shall send consolidated report to Government.
- O] Notice Boards be erected in all conspicuous places of Higher Education Institution and display Anti Ragging Provisions and Penalties as per A.P. Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 both in Telugu and English. Details of Anti Ragging Committee with phone numbers be displayed in all conspicuous places of the institution.
- P] Faculty must be sensitized on the provisions of the Act as well as on the panel consequences.
- Q] Seminars, workshops, lectures by police, district and legal authorities be conducted to sensitize the students.
- R] It is the responsibility of the Vice Chancellors/ HODs of other educational institutions to ensure a safe campus/college life conducive to welfare and development of students.

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S] All the Vice Chancellors /Registrars /Principals are advised to ensure appointment of warden, Dy. Warden, Resident Matron to all the hostels ensuring proper management. The regular employees available in the University / college shall be posted to the post of Warden and Deputy warden.

T] The Heads of Institutions may also take up publicity in local media and programmes to build awareness among the senior students as to what acts tantamount to ragging and how violation of provisions has implication for them from their career point of view.

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To
All Vice Chancellors in the State,
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The Commissioner of Technical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada,
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education,
Hyderabad.

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