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University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions 2009 (under Section 26(1) (g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956)

In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of "University of Kerala v/s. Council, Principals, Colleges and others" in SLP no. 24295 of 2006 dated 16.05.2007 and that dated 8.05.2009 in Civil Appeal number 887 of 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 including 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, and thereby, to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students, the University Grants Commission, in consultation with the Councils, brings forth this Regulation.

1. What constitutes as Ragging?

- Causing, inducing, compelling or forcing a student, whether by way of a practical joke or otherwise, to do any act which detracts from human dignity or violates their dignity;
- Exposes the individual to ridicule;
- Compels the individual to forbear from doing any lawful act by:
- Intimidating, wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, or injuring the individual by using criminal force;
- Threat of intimidation, wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, injury, or the use of criminal force.

- Any action that can threaten the physical or mental health of an individual.

1. Rules & Regulations

As per the order of Supreme Court of India and subsequent notification from University Grants Commission (UGC), ragging constitutes one or more of any intention by any student or group of students on:

- Any act of indiscipline, teasing or handling with rudeness.
- Any act that prevents or disrupts the regular academic activity.
- Any activity which is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, psychological harm or creates fear or apprehension.
- Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure.
- Any act of physical abuse causing assault, harm or danger to health.
- Any act of abuse by spoken words, emails, SMS or public insult etc.
- Any act of injury or infringement of the fundamental right to human dignity.
- Any act of wrongful confinement, kidnapping, molesting or committing unnatural offences, use of criminal forces, trespass or intimidation.
- Any unlawful assembly or conspiracy to ragging.

2. Punishment to those found guilty

Any student or group of students found guilty of ragging in the campus or even outside the campus shall be liable to one or more of the following punishments

- Debarring from appearing in any internal test/main examination
- Withholding of Marks Card.
- Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
- Withdrawing scholarships and other benefits
- Suspension from the college for a period of one month
- Cancellation of admission.
- Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, state and national meet, sports tournament, youth festival, etc.
- Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.

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