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DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

(CONSTITUTED UNDER THE DENTISTS ACT 1948)

No.DE-124(832)-2007/A-3499

Dated the 27 June 2007

To

The Chairmen/Principals
of all Dental Colleges/Institutions
in the country.

Sub: CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS - Implementation of directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India contained in its Order dated 16.5.2007 in SLP (C) No. 24295/2004 - University of Kerala Vs. Council, Principals, Colleges & Ors with SLP No. 14356/2005, WP (C) No. 173/2006 and SLP (C) No. 24296-24299/2004 - Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of letter D.No.370/04/XI-A dated 18.5.2007 from Asstt. Registrar, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, along with its enclosure i.e. Order dated 16.5.2007 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the subject SLP (C) No. 24295/2004 with SLP No. 14356/2005, WP (C) No. 173/2006 and SLP (C) No. 24296-24299/2004 thereby giving directions for curbing the menace of ragging in Educational Institutions, sent to DCI by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Deptt. of Higher Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, vide their Endt. D.O. No. F.9-98/2006-U-5 dated 30.5.2007, for your kind perusal/information and **strict compliance** in your dental college/institution. The aforesaid Order dated 16.5.2007 may kindly be given wide publicity in your college/institution including putting the aforesaid Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the website of your college/institution.

2. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter immediately.

Yours faithfully

(Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. P.N. Awasthi)
Secretary
Dental Council of India

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1. All the Members of the General Body/Executive Committee of the Dental Council of India for information along with enclosures mentioned in the body of above letter.
2. The Secretaries of Medical Education Department of all the States/UTs - along with enclosures mentioned in the body of above letter - for information with the request kindly to ensure strict compliance of the directions contained in the aforesaid order dated 16.5.2007 by all the dental colleges/institutions situated in their respective States/UTs.
3. The Director of Medical Education of all States/UTs along with enclosures mentioned in the body of above letter - for information with the request kindly to ensure strict compliance of the directions contained in the aforesaid order dated 16.5.2007 by all the dental colleges/institutions situated in their respective States/UTs.
4. The Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities along with enclosures mentioned in the body of above letter - for information with the request kindly to ensure strict compliance of the directions contained in the aforesaid order dated 16.5.2007 by all the dental colleges/institutions affiliated to their respective Universities.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Deptt. of Health DE Section), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi - for kind information (Kind Attn : Shri K. Raamamoorthy, Jt. Secy, Medical Edun.).
6. Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Department, Deptt. of Higher Education, Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001 - for information with reference to their Endt. D.O. No. F.9-98/2006-U-5 dated 30.5.2007.

(Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. P.N. Awasthi)
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Dated: 18th May, 2007.

From: The Assistant Registrar,
Supreme Court of India.

To: 1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Human Resources Department,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.



2. Sh. R.K. Raghavan,
(Ex-Director, CBI), Chairman of the Committee on Ragging,
To be served through The Secretary,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-1.

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3. The Director,
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Member, Committee on Ragging,
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4. The Principal,
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Member, Committee on Ragging,
New Delhi-110 002.

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5. The Principal,
Ramjas College, University of Delhi,
Member, Committee on Ragging,
Delhi.

6. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Member Convenor, Committee on Ragging,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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7. Mr. Gopal Subramanyan (Amicus-Curiae),
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8. The Director,
National Council for Educational Research and Training,
Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi.

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

We have perused the Report of the Committee constituted pursuant to this Court's order to suggest remedial measures to tackle with the problem of ragging in educational institutions. An elaborate report has been submitted by the Committee headed by Dr.R.K. Raghavan. According to the Committee, the following factors need to be focused to tackle with the problem:

- (a) Primary responsibility for curbing ragging rests with academic institutions themselves.
- (b) Ragging adversely impacts the standards of higher education.

(c) Incentives should be available to institutions for curbing the menace and there should be disincentives for failure to do so.

(d) Enrolment in academic pursuits or a campus life should not immunize any adult citizen from penal provisions of the laws of the land.

(e) Ragging needs to be perceived as failure to inculcate human values from the schooling stage.

(f) Behavioural patterns among students, particularly potential 'raggers', need to be identified.

(g) Measures against ragging must deter its recurrence.

(h) Concerted action is required at the level of the school, higher educational institution, district administration, university, State and Central Governments to make any curb effective.

(i) Media and the Civil Society should be involved in this exercise.

The Committee has made several recommendations. For the present, we feel that the following recommendations should be implemented without any further lapse of time.

(1) The punishment to be meted out has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents.

(2) Every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent/guardian or the Head of institution is not satisfied with the institutional arrangement for action, a First Information Report must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities. Any failure on the part of the institutional authority or negligence or deliberate delay in lodging the FIR with the local police shall be construed to be an act of culpable

negligence on the part of the institutional authority. If any victim or his parent/guardian of ragging intends to file FIR directly with the police, that will not absolve the institutional authority from the requirement of filing the FIR.

(3) Courts should make an effort to ensure that cases involving ragging are taken up on a priority basis to send the correct message that ragging is not only to be discouraged but also to be dealt with sternness.

In addition, we direct that the possibility of introducing in the educational curriculum a subject relating to ragging shall be explored by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the respective State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT). This aspect can be included in the teaching of the subjects "Human Rights".

In the prospectus to be issued for admission by educational institutions, it shall be clearly stipulated that in case the applicant for admission is found to have indulged in ragging in the past or if it is noticed later that he has indulged in ragging, admission may be refused or he shall be expelled from the educational institution.

The Central Government and the State Governments shall launch a programme giving wide publicity to the menace of ragging and the consequences which follow in case any student is detected to have been involved in ragging.

It shall be the collective responsibility of the authorities and functionaries of the concerned institution and their role shall also be open to scrutiny for the purpose of finding out whether they have taken effective steps for preventing ragging and in case of their failure, action can be taken; for example, denial of any grant-in-aid or assistance

from the State Governments.

Anti-ragging committees and squads shall be forthwith formed by the institutions and it shall be the job of the committee or the squad, as the case may be, to see that the Committee's recommendations, more particularly those noted above, are observed without exception and if it is noticed that there is any deviation, the same shall be forthwith brought to the notice of this Court.

The Committee constituted pursuant to the order of this Court shall continue to monitor the functioning of the anti-ragging committees and the squads to be formed. They shall also monitor the implementation of the recommendations to which reference has been made above.

Post these matters in September, 2007 for further directions on the recommendations received from the Committee.

I.A.No.5/2007 in S.L.P.(C) No.24295/2004:

Issue notice.

Response, if any, by the University shall be filed within four weeks. Rejoinder, if any, within four weeks thereafter.

Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, learned amicus curiae shall also indicate his views.

Writ Petition (Cri.) No.173/2006:

List this petition separately in September, 2007.

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Court Master

M. S. Saxena
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(Madhu Saxena)
Court Master