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1. The Deans/Principals of all the Medical Colleges/Institutions in India
2. The Directors of Medical Education of all the States in India
3. The Secretary of Medical Education of all the State Governments in India
4. The Registrars of all the Universities and Deemed Universities in India

Sub: **Implementation of the Regulations framed by the Medical Council of India to curb the menace of ragging in medical colleges**

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to the decision taken in the meeting of Dr. R.K. Raghvan Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to supervise the measures being implemented to prevent the menace of ragging. The Medical Council of India has prepared the regulations to curb the menace of ragging in medical colleges in form of Regulations called as the Medical Council of India (Presentation and Prohibition of Ragging in Medical Colleges/Institutions) Regulations, 2009. The said Regulations have been notified in the Part III Section 4 of the Gazette of India on 03.08.2009. These Regulations have already been circulated to you vide this office circular No. 34(1)/2009-Med./31046, dated 21.08.2009 and also available on the MCI website i.e. www.mciindia.org.

The operative part of the regulation is reproduced as under with regard to curb the menace of ragging in medical colleges :-

5. Measures for prohibition of ragging:-

5.1 The Medical College/Institution / University shall strictly observe the provisions of the Act of the Central Government and the State Government, if any, or if enacted and / or for the time being in force, considering ragging as a cognizable offence under the law at par with rape and other atrocities against women and ill-treatment of persons belonging to the SC/ST and prohibiting ragging in all its forms in all institutions.

5.2 Ragging in all its forms shall be totally banned in the entire Medical College/Institution / University including its departments, constituent units, all its premises (academic, residential, sports, canteen, etc) whether located within the campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students whether public or private.

5.3 The Medical College/Institution / University shall take strict action against those found guilty of ragging and/or of abetting ragging.

6. Measures for prevention of ragging at the institution level:-

6.1 Before admissions:-

6.1.1 The advertisement for admissions shall clearly mention that ragging is totally banned / prohibited in the Medical College/Institution and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging is liable to be punished appropriately.

6.1.2 The brochure of admission/instruction booklet for candidates shall print in block letters these Regulations in full (including Annexures).

6.1.3 The 'Prospectus' and other admission related documents shall incorporate all directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and /or the Central or State Governments as applicable, so that the candidates and their parents/ guardians are sensitized in respect of the prohibition and consequences of ragging.

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6.1.4 A Brochure or booklet/leaflet shall be distributed to each student at the beginning of each academic session for obtaining undertaking not to indulge or abet ragging and shall contain the blueprint of prevention and methods of redress.

The application form for admission/ enrolment shall have a printed undertaking, preferably both in English/Hindi and in one of the regional languages known to the institution and the applicant (English version given in Annexure I, Part I), to be filled up and signed by the candidate to the effect that he/she is aware of the law regarding prohibition of ragging as well as the punishments, and to the effect that he/she has not been expelled and/or debarred from admission by any institution and that he/she, if found guilty of the offence of ragging and/or abetting ragging, is liable to be punished appropriately.

6.1.5 The application form shall also contain a printed undertaking, preferably both in English/Hindi and in one of the regional languages known to the institution and the parent/ guardian (English version given in Annexure I, Part II), to be signed by the parent/ guardian of the applicant to the effect that he/ she is also aware of the law in this regard and agrees to abide by the punishment meted out to his/ her ward in case the latter is found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging.

A database shall be created out of affidavits affirmed by each student and his/her parents/guardians stored electronically, and shall contain the details of each student. The database shall also function as a record of ragging complaints received.

6.1.6 The application for admission shall be accompanied by a document in the form of the School Leaving Certificate/transfer certificate/migration certificate/ Character Certificate which shall include a report on the behavioral pattern of the applicant, so that the institution can thereafter keep intense watch upon a student who has a negative entry in this regard.

6.1.7 A student seeking admission to the hostel shall have to submit additional undertaking in the form of Annexure I (both Parts) along with his/ her application for hostel accommodation.

6.1.8 At the commencement of the academic session the Head of the Institution shall convene and address a meeting of various functionaries/agencies, like Wardens, representatives of students, parents/ guardians, faculty, district administration including police, to discuss the measures to be taken to prevent ragging in the Institution and steps to be taken to identify the offenders and punish them suitably.

6.1.9 To make the community at large and the students in particular aware of the dehumanizing effect of ragging, and the approach of the institution towards those indulging in ragging, big posters (preferably multicolored with different colours for the provisions of law, punishments, etc.) shall be prominently displayed on all Notice Boards of all departments, hostels and other buildings as well as at vulnerable places. Some of such posters shall be of permanent nature in certain vulnerable places.

6.1.10 Apart from placing posters mentioned in sub-clause 6.1.9 above at strategic places, the Medical College/Institution shall undertake measures for extensive publicity against ragging by means of audio-visual aids, by holding counseling sessions, workshops, painting and design competitions among students and other methods as it deems fit.

6.1.11 The Medical College/Institution/University shall request the media to give adequate publicity to the law prohibiting ragging and the negative aspects of ragging and the institution's resolve to ban ragging and punish those found guilty without fear or favour.

6.1.12 The Medical College /Institution/ University shall identify, properly illuminate and mark all vulnerable locations.

6.1.13 The Medical College/Institution/University shall tighten security in its premises, especially at the vulnerable places. If necessary, intense policing shall be resorted to at such points at odd hours during the early months of the academic session.

6.1.14 The Medical College/Institution/University shall utilize the vacation period before the start of the new academic year to launch wide publicity campaign against ragging through posters, leaflets, seminars, street plays, etc.

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6.1.15 The faculties/ departments/ units of the Medical College/Institution /University shall have induction arrangements (including those which anticipate, identify and plan to meet any special needs of any specific section of students) in place well in advance of the beginning of the academic year with a clear sense of the main aims and objectives of the induction process.

The Principal or Head of the Institution/Department shall obtain an undertaking from every employee of the institution including teaching and non-teaching members of staff, contract labour employed in the premises either for running canteen or as watch and ward staff or for cleaning or maintenance of the buildings/lawns etc. that he/she would report promptly any case of ragging which comes to his/her notice. A provision shall be made in the service rules for issuing certificates of appreciation to such members of the staff who report ragging which will form part of their service record.

6.2. On admission:-

6.2.1 Every fresher admitted to the Medical College/Institution/University shall be given a printed leaflet detailing when and to whom he/she has to turn to for help and guidance for various purposes (including Wardens, Head of the institution, members of the anti-ragging committees, relevant district and police authorities), addresses and telephone numbers of such persons/authorities, etc., so that the fresher need not look up to the seniors for help in such matters and get indebted to them and start doing things, right or wrong, at their behest. Such a step will reduce the freshers' dependence on their seniors.

Every institution should engage or seek the assistance of professional counselors at the time of admissions to counsel 'freshers' in order to prepare them for the life ahead, particularly for adjusting to the life in hostels.

6.2.2 The Medical College/Institution/University through the leaflet mentioned above shall explain to the new entrants the arrangements for their induction and orientation which promote efficient and effective means of integrating them fully as students.

6.2.3 The leaflet mentioned above shall also inform the freshers about their rights as bonafide students of the institution and clearly instructing them that they should desist from doing anything against their will even if ordered by the seniors, and that they have nothing to fear as the institution cares for them and shall not tolerate any atrocities against them.

6.2.4 The leaflet mentioned above shall contain a calendar of events and activities laid down by the institution to facilitate and complement familiarization of freshers with the academic environment of the institution.

6.2.5 The Medical College/Institution/University shall also organize joint sensitization programmes of 'freshers' and seniors.

On the arrival of senior students after the first week or after the second week as the case may be, further orientation programmes must be scheduled as follows (i) joint sensitization programme and counseling of both 'freshers' and senior by a Professional counselor; (ii) joint orientation programme of 'freshers' and seniors to be addressed by the principal/Head of the institution, and the anti-ragging committee; (iii) organization on a large scale of cultural sports and other activities to provide a platform for the 'freshers' and seniors to interact in the presence of faculty members; (iv) in the hostel, the warden should address all students; may request two junior colleagues from the college faculty to assist the warden by becoming resident tutors for a temporary duration.

6.2.6 Fresher's shall be encouraged to report incidents of ragging, either as victims, or even as witnesses.

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6.3. At the end of the academic year:-

6.3.1 At the end of every academic year the Dean/Principal/Director shall send a letter to the parents/guardians of the students who are completing the first year informing them about the law regarding ragging and the punishments, and appealing to them to impress upon their wards to desist from indulging in ragging when they come back at the beginning of the next academic session.

6.3.2 At the end of every academic year the Medical College/Institution /University shall form a 'Mentoring Cell' consisting of Mentors for the succeeding academic year. There shall be as many levels or tiers of Mentors as the number of batches in the institution, at the rate of 1 Mentor for 6 freshers and 1 Mentor of a higher level for 6 Mentors of the lower level.

Each batch of freshers should be divided into small groups and each such group shall be assigned to a member of the staff. Such staff member should interact individually with, each member of the group on a daily basis for ascertaining the problems/difficulties if any faced by the fresher in the institution and extending necessary help.

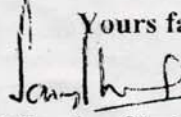
In the case of freshers admitted to a hostel it shall be the responsibility of the teacher in charge of the group to coordinate with the warden of the hostel and to make surprise visits to the rooms in the hostel where the members of the group are lodged."

In view of above, you are requested to kindly take necessary action taking into consideration the above quoted regulations.

As the academic session 2012-13 has already started from 01.08.2012, you are requested to send the following information within four (4) weeks from dispatch of this circular :-

1. Anti-Ragging Committee composition in the college (name of members with their telephone numbers and e-mail IDs).
2. Number of incidence of ragging reported and action taken in hard/soft copy, if any.
3. Number of FIRs lodged, if any.
4. Punishment awarded, if any.

An early action in the matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Prof. Sanjay Shrivastava)
Secretary