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CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONSNew Delhi, August 10th, 2015

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009. These Regulations are to be mandatorily followed by all Universities and Colleges. The Regulations are available on the UGC Website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. Similar action has been taken by other Regulatory Bodies. A nationwide toll free 24x7 Anti-Ragging Helpline in 12 languages (English, Hindi and regional languages Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Punjabi, Marathi, Oriya, Assamese, Gujarati, and Bengali) has been established. Publicity on anti-ragging is also given through various media by the Ministry of Human Resource Development & other Regulatory bodies. UGC and others have made it mandatory for students/parents for online submission of undertakings on Anti-ragging. Regular meetings of the Supreme Court- appointed Anti-ragging Monitoring Committee meeting under the Chairmanship of Dr R.K. Raghavan, former CBI Director, and other Inter-Council meetings are held. 17th meeting of the Raghavan Committee was held on 5th June, 2015. There is also an Anti-Ragging Cell in UGC for monitoring ragging cases exclusively. The punishments and penalties include suspending/rusticating the students and taking action against the institutions which may also include withdrawal of affiliation/recognition or other privileges as per Sec 12-B of the UGC Act. A circular has also been issued by UGC to all Universities/Colleges and Institutions of higher education on 24th July, 2015 for curbing the menace of ragging.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha question.

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