

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
New Delhi

NOTIFICATION

Dated 01-07-2009

Sub: Prevention and prohibition of Ragging in technical Institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education.

F.No.37-3/Legal/AICTE/2009 – In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 23 read with Section 10 (b), (g), (p) and (q) of AICTE Act, 1987, the All India Council for Technical Education, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

1. Short title and commencement:-

- (i) These Regulations may be called the All India Council for Technical Education (Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging in Technical Institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education) Regulations 2009.
- (ii) They shall come into force on the date of the notification.

2. Objectives:-

In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16-05-2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, dated 08-05-2009 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 All India Council for Technical Education,(AICTE) brings forth these Regulations.

- a. 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;
- b. indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student;
- c. 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;
- d. any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- e. exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- g. any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;
- h. any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, posts, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student;
- i. any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a 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.

5. Measures for prevention of ragging:-

It shall be mandatory for every technical Institution, University, deemed to be University imparting technical education to take following measures for prevention of ragging at such institutions.

8. The AICTE or an Agency identified/nominated for the purpose and affiliating Universities and Directorate of Technical Education of the concerned State Govt./UT shall maintain an appropriate data base of the affidavits in the digital form obtained from every student at the time of admission to the technical institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education.
9. Each batch of freshers should be divided into small groups and each such group shall be assigned to a member of staff. Such staff member should interact individually with each member of the group on daily basis to ascertain the problems/difficulties, if any faced by the freshers in the Institution and extend necessary help.
10. Incase of freshers admitted to a Hostel it shall be the responsibility of the teacher incharge of the group to co-ordinate 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. Freshers should be lodged in a separate hostel block wherever possible and where such facilities are not available, the college/institution shall ensure that seniors' access to freshers' accommodation is strictly monitored by wardens, Security Guards and Staff.
11. 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. At the commencement of the academic session the Head of the technical Institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education 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 and steps to be taken to identify the offenders and punish them suitably.
12. Every fresher admitted to the technical Institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education shall be given a printed information booklet detailing when and 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 committee, relevant district and police authorities), addresses and telephone numbers of such persons/authorities, etc.
13. The technical institutions, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education through the information booklet mentioned

21. The faculties/departments/units of the technical Institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education 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.
22. Mobile Phones and other communication devices may be permitted in residential areas including hostels to provide access to the students particularly freshers, to reach out for help from teachers, parents and Institution authorities.
6. **Monitoring mechanism in technical institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education:-**
- a) **Anti-ragging Committee:** Every institution University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education shall constitute a Committee to be known as the Anti-ragging Committee to be nominated and headed by the Head of the Institution, and consisting of representatives of civil and police administration, local media, Non Government Organizations involved in youth activities, representatives of faculty members, representatives of parents, representatives of students belonging to the freshers' category as well as senior students, non-teaching staff; and shall have a diverse mix of membership in terms of level as well as gender.
- b) It shall be the duty of the Anti-Ragging Committee to ensure compliance with the provisions of these Regulations as well as the provisions of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging; and also to monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution.
- c) **Anti-Ragging Squad:** Every institution University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education shall also constitute a smaller body to be known as the Anti-Ragging Squad to be nominated by the Head of the Institution with such representation as may be considered necessary for maintaining vigil, oversight and patrolling functions and shall remain mobile, alert and active at all times. Provided that the Anti-Ragging Squad shall have representation of various members of the campus community and shall have no outside representation.
- d) It shall be the duty of the Anti-Ragging Squad to be called upon to make surprise raids on hostels, and other places vulnerable to incidents and having the potential for ragging and shall be empowered to inspect such places.

- i) The Monitoring Cell shall also review the efforts made by institutions to publicize anti-ragging measures, soliciting of affidavits from parents/guardians and from students, each academic year, to abstain from ragging activities or willingness to be penalized for violation; and shall function as the prime mover for initiating action for amending the Statues or Ordinances or Bye-laws to facilitate the implementation of anti-ragging measures at the level of the institution.

7. Action to be taken against the Principal or the Head of the Institution/Faculty Members/Non-Teaching staff of technical institution, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education.

1. The Head of the Institution along with other administrative authorities should take adequate measures for prevention of ragging. Any lapse on the part of these authorities shall make them liable for criminal action for negligence of duty. The technical Institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education should incorporate a clause in their letter of appointment that the Director, Faculty and other administrative Heads should ensure all possible steps for prevention of ragging in the premises of the educational institutions, and that they are liable for action, in case of non-compliance.
2. The Principal or Head of the Institution/Department shall obtain an affidavit from every employee of the Institution including teaching/non-teaching staff, contract labor employed in the premises either for running canteen or as watch and ward staff or for cleaning or maintenance of the building, 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 records.
3. Departmental enquiries shall be initiated, in addition to penal consequences against such heads of the Institution/Faculty members/non-teaching staff who display an apathetic or insensitive attitude towards complaints of ragging and would not take timely steps in the prevention of ragging and punishing those who rag.
4. The Principal or the Head of the Institution/Faculty Members/Non-Teaching staff, if found negligent in taking necessary measures for ensuring safety of students and preventing the ragging would be declared unfit for holding any post in any technical institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education.

- i. In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of the University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
 - ii. In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.
 - iii. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.
 5. The institutional authorities shall intimate the incidents of ragging occurred in their premises along with actions taken to the Council from time to time.
- 9 Action to be taken against the technical Institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education which fail to take measures for prevention of ragging:-**
1. Role of the concerned technical institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education shall be open to scrutiny for the purpose of finding out whether they have taken effective steps for preventing ragging and action taken against provision indulged and/or abetting ragging. The Council shall constitute Committees to inspect technical institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education to verify the status of anti ragging measures and to investigate specific instances of ragging and take appropriate action.
 2. The technical Institution, University including Deemed to be University imparting technical education should submit an affidavit along with its compliance report submitted to AICTE annually with details of measures taken for prevention of ragging in technical institutions. The Compliance Report should also contain the details of the instances of ragging and action taken against students, and others for indulging and abetting ragging.
 3. All Letters of Approval issued by AICTE such as extension of approval letters, letters issued for additional courses/increase in intake and letters issued for new technical institutions, release of grants, letters of approval issued to integrated campus, second shift etc. shall contain a specific clause of prevention of ragging.
 4. The AICTE shall, in respect of any institution that fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators or incidents of ragging suitably, take one of more of the following measures, namely;

- d) The telephone numbers of the Anti-Ragging Helpline and all the important functionaries in every institution, Heads of institutions, faculty members, members of the anti-ragging committees and anti-ragging squads, district and sub-divisional authorities and state authorities, Wardens of hostels, and other functionaries or authorities where relevant, shall be widely disseminated for access or to seek help in emergencies.
- f) The All India Council for technical Education, the Central Government or the agency authorized for the purpose shall maintain an appropriate data base to be created out of affidavits, affirmed by each student and his/her parents/guardians and stored electronically by the institution; and such database shall also function as a record of ragging complaints received, and the status of the action taken thereon.
- g) The All India Council for technical Education, the Central Government or the agency authorized for the purpose shall make available the database to a non-governmental agency to be nominated by the Central Government, to build confidence in the public and also to provide information of non compliance with these Regulations to the Councils and to such bodies as may be authorized by the All India Council for technical Education/Central Government.
- 11. The All India Council for technical Education shall take the following regulatory steps, namely;**
- a) The All India Council for technical Education shall make it mandatory for the institutions to incorporate in their prospectus, the directions of the Central Government or the State Level Monitoring Committee with regard to prohibition and consequences of ragging, and that non-compliance with these Regulations and directions so provided, shall be considered as lowering of academic standards by the institution, therefore making it liable for appropriate action.
- b) The All India Council for technical Education shall verify that the institutions strictly comply with the requirement of getting the affidavits from the students and their parents/guardians as envisaged under these Regulations.
- c) The All India Council for technical Education shall include a specific condition in the Utilization Certificate, in respect of any financial assistance or grants-in-aid to any institution under any of the general or special schemes of the All India Council for technical Education, that the institution has complied with the anti-ragging measures.



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University Grants Commission
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(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

D. O. No. F. 1-15/2009 (ARC) PLIII

December 14, 2023/23 अग्रहायण, 1945

Respected Madam/Sir,

In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, to exercise the powers conferred by clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the UGC notified "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009". The Regulations are available on the UGC website www.ugc.gov.in & www.antiragging.in.

It is once again brought to your kind notice that ragging is a criminal offence and UGC has framed regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. These regulations are mandatory, and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in Toto including the monitoring mechanism. Any violation of these regulations will be viewed seriously. If any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or does not act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, it will attract punitive action against itself by the UGC.

You are requested to step up anti-ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums; constitution of Anti-Ragging committee and Anti-Ragging squad, setting up of Anti-Ragging Cell, installing CCTV cameras at vital points, Anti-Ragging workshops and seminar, updating all websites with nodal officers' complete details, alarm bells etc. Regular interaction and counseling with the students, identification of trouble-triggers and mention of Anti-Ragging warning in the institution's E-prospectus and E-information booklets/brochures must be ensured. Surprise inspection of hostels, students' accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands must be carried out & Anti-Ragging posters must be displayed at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. These posters are available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. The size of the posters should be 8x6 feet. Any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled-for behavior/incident must be undertaken.

Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-Ragging Helpline 1800-180-5522 (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail the Anti-Ragging Helpline at helpline@antiragging.in. For any other information regarding ragging you may please visit the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.gov.in & www.antiragging.in and contact UGC monitoring agency i.e. Centre for Youth (C4Y) on Mobile No. 09818044577 (only in case of emergency).


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In compliance to the directions of the Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, HEIs/Councils have to implement the following:

1. The concept of mentor-mentee as given out in the UGC Regulations for curbing the Menace of Ragging in HEIs - 2009 be followed by students in all institutions to make a comfortable bond amongst Juniors and Seniors.
2. The Anti Ragging Cell and Anti Ragging Squads of institutions should be empowered by provisioning of a legal counsel so that airtight cases against the ragging culprits can be made.
3. Henceforth for extreme ragging and suicide cases, Principal of the college and Registrar of the University will be called and will be answerable to the National Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee for the reasons of non-compliance of UGC Regulations for ragging.
4. All the Councils/Regulatory Bodies must constitute a committee as and when a serious/suicide/death case is reported related to their Council/Regulatory Body to relook into the issue even when case is under police investigation. The Regulatory Bodies/Councils are also advised to appoint a legal person for the matter.
5. The Committee has also instructed the Anti Ragging Monitoring Agency to be more vigilant and carry out surprise checks all across the Nation to ensure that the UGC Regulations to curb the menace of ragging are being strictly adhered to by the HEI's, Teaching Staff and the students. Punitive action as mentioned in these regulations will be taken against the defaulters.


UGC also drives an Anti-Ragging Media Campaign through different modes and has undertaken the following activities to promote the campaign which are available on UGC website www.ugc.gov.in

1. UGC developed 05 TV Commercials of 30 seconds each with different perspective for Parents, Victim and Offenders.
2. UGC designed and distributed 04 types of posters amongst Universities / Regulatory Authorities / Councils / IITs / NITs / other educational institutions for their prominent display.
3. UGC consecutively organized 02 Anti-Ragging Competitions for students/faculty/general public for the wider awareness of the menace of ragging.

In compliance of the 2nd Amendment in UGC Regulations, you are requested to make it compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online undertaking every academic year at www.antiragging.in

You are also requested to implement the revised procedure for students to file an online Anti-Ragging affidavit. The student will receive an e-mail with his/her registration number. The student will forward that e-mail to the Nodal officer in his/her university/college e-mail.

Universities/Colleges have to display the email address and contact number of the Nodal Officer of Anti-Ragging Committee of their university/college on their website and campus areas like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, and Common facilities, etc.


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Universities and Colleges are requested to insert a mandatory column in their university/college's admission form as per the given format:

Anti Ragging Undertaking Reference no:	<input type="text"/>
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All HEI's are further advised to fill in the complete details of their respective Anti Ragging Committee and Anti Ragging Squad on the website i.e. www.antiragging.in and also display these lists on the Notice Boards.

Universities are also requested to ensure strict compliance of this advisory and fill the compliance on www.antiragging.in. You are also requested to forward this advisory to all the colleges in your ambit with strict compliance directions. All colleges be instructed to make multiple prints of this circular and the same to be prominently displayed at all the locations visited by the Students.

IT IS ONCE AGAIN REITERATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT RAGGING IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE AND THE CULPRITS WILL ATTRACT PUNITIVE ACTION AS MENTIONED IN THE UGC REGULATIONS.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Manish Joshi)

The Vice-Chancellor/Registrars of all Universities

Copy to:

1. All Regulatory Authorities
2. Ms. Jasleen Kaur, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, (jasleen.kau@nic.in)
3. DS(website), UGC (for uploading on (i) UGC website, (ii) Under ragging related Twitter handle of UGC)
4. Ms. Alka Tomar, Centre for Youth (C4Y)(alka.tomar@c4yindia.org) (for uploading on antiragging.in)


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Anti Ragging

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Ragging in any form inside or outside the college is banned and in order to have the peaceful atmosphere in all Hostels, an Anti-Ragging Committee with the faculty and staff members are constituted.

[AICTE Anti-Ragging Notification](#)

[UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educations](#)

[Anti-Ragging Affidavit \(Proforma\)](#)

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- Ragging entails heavy fines and / or imprisonment.
- Ragging invokes suspension and dismissal from the College.
- Outsiders are prohibited from entering the hostels without permission.
- Girl students must be in their hostel rooms by 9.00pm.
- All the students must carry their Identity Cards and show them when demanded.
- The Principal and the Wardens will visit the hostels and inspect the rooms any time.
- Suspended students are debarred from entering the Campus except when required to attend enquiry and to

PROHIBITION OF RAGGING IN
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 26 OF 1997
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SALIENT FEATURES:

- Ragging within or outside any Educational Institution is prohibited.
- Ragging means doing an act which causes or is likely to cause insult or annoy or fear or apprehension or the student.

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S.No.	Nature of Ragging	Punish
1.	Teasing, Embarrassing and Humiliating.	Imprisonment upto fine upto Rs.1,000/-
2.	Assaulting or using Criminal Force or Criminal Intimidation.	Imprisonment upto upto Rs.2,000/- o
3.	Wrongfully Restraining or Confining or Causing Hurt.	Imprisonment upto upto Rs.5,000/- o
4.	Causing grievous hurt kidnapping or raping or committing unnatural offence.	Imprisonment upto fine upto Rs.10,000/-



5. Causing death or abetting suicide.

Imprisonment up to

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Date: 03.09.2016

To
The Principals/Directors of JNTUH Affiliated Engg, Pharmacy & Standalone Colleges.

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- JNTUH – UAAC – Constitution of Committees on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Education Institutions – UGC Regulations – Reg

Ref: 1.UGC Circular No: F1-15/2009 (Anti-Ragging), dated: 21.06.2012
2. D.O Lr. No: APSCHE/UM-VC's Meet, July 2012, dated: 17.07.2012

All the Managements and Principals / Directors of JNTUH affiliated Engineering, Pharmacy and Standalone Colleges are requested to take the required measures to prevent and curb the menace of ragging in their institutions, both boys and girls hostels. The detailed information about the mandatory regulations on ragging issued by the UGC is available on UGC website: www.ugc.ac.in and JNTUH Regulations Annexure-1.

In this connection, all the Principals / Directors are advised to constitute committees immediately to prevent and curb the menace of ragging in their campuses and hostels. Details of these committees may be placed on the website of their institutions in the interest of students and their parents under intimation to Joint Secretary, Anti-Ragging Cell, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002. It may be noted that non-compliance of the mandatory UGC Regulations / University Regulations will invite appropriate action against the institutions as prescribed under UGC Regulations & JNTUH Regulations.

The measures taken by you for the A.Y 2016-17 may be uploaded immediately latest by **09.09.2016** in UAAC College Portal → College Information → "Anti-Ragging".

Thanking you,


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Yours faithfully,
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Dt:18.09.2015

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am by direction to inform you that, the Chairman, State Council of Higher Education, Telangana is organizing a meeting with all Managements (Chairperson/Secretaries/Principals) of all Engineering/Pharmacy/MBA/MCA Colleges on 19.09.2015 (Saturday) at 03.00 P.M. in Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, JNTUH., Kukatpally on Anti-Ragging Awareness programme. The meeting will be addressed by the Police Commissioners of Hyderabad & Cyberabad. In this connection the Managements of all Colleges (Chairperson/Secretaries/Principals) are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting without fail.

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Lr.No: JNTUH/UAAC/Anti-Ragging/2015-16

Date: 02/09/2015

To

The Managements/Principals / Directors of all Affiliated College of JNTUH.

Sir/Madam,

You are requested to send a detailed report on the measures taken by your college for prevention of ragging in your institution. This may be treated as urgent & the report may be sent within two days to the Registrar's office.

**Sd/-
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Date : 09-08-2015

To

All the Principals of Constituent and Affiliated Colleges

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub : JNTUH – Curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Educations Institutions – Reg.
Ref. : UGC Letter No. F.1-15/2009(ARC) pt-III dated 04-08-2014

It is brought to your kind notice that ragging is a criminal offence and UGC has notified Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher education institutions in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. These Regulations are mandatory and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in toto including the monitoring mechanics as per provisions in the above Regulations and ensure its strict compliances.

All Institutions are requested to step up anti-ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums, action-packed anti-ragging committee and anti ragging squad, quick-response system, CCTV cameras at vita points, alarm bells, regular interaction and counselling, identification of trouble-triggers, prominence to anti-ragging in the institution's prospectus and information booklets/brochures surprise inspection of hostels, students accommodation, Canteens, rest cum recreations rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in preventing / quelling ragging and any uncalled for behaviour / incident. The students and the parent/guardian community may also be made aware of the anti-ragging helpline, anti-ragging website, anti-ragging monitoring agency and all Colleges / Institutions should take necessary steps for its implementation under intimation to the UGC. The Institutions are also requested to take legal action in the cases, where the culprits are shown in cameras involving local policies authorities.

Students in distress owing to ragging related incidents can access the National Anti-Ragging Helpline 1800-180-1522 (24x7 Toll Free). Any other information regarding ragging may please visit the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in / www.antiragging.in

It is also requested to make it compulsory for each students and every parent to submit an online undertaking every academic year at website <http://www.antiragging.in>

A copy of the UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009 is enclosed with this letter for information.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

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Encl : UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009

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Lr.No. UAAC/JNTUH/Anti-ragging/2014

Dt. 30.08.2014

To
The Principals / Directors of JNTUH Affiliated Engg., Pharmacy & Standalone Colleges

Sir/Madam,

Sub: JNTUH – UAAC – Constitution of Committees on curbing the menace of Ragging in
Higher Education Institutions – UGC Regulations - Reg.

Ref: 1) UGC Circular No.F1-15/2009 (Anti-Ragging), Dt. 21-06-2012.
2) D.O.Lr.No.APSCHE/UM-VC's Meet, July 2012, dated 17-07-2012.

With reference to the letters cited, I wish to request the Managements and Principals / Directors of JNTUH affiliated Engineering, Pharmacy and Standalone Colleges to take the required measures to prevent and curb the menace of ragging in their institutions, both boys and girls hostels. The detailed information about the mandatory regulations on ragging issued by the UGC are available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in

In this connection, all the Principals / Directors are advised to constitute committees immediately to prevent and curb the menace of ragging in their campuses and hostels. Details of these committees may be placed on the website of their institutions in the interest of students and their parents under intimation to Joint Secretary, Anti-Ragging Cell, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002. It may be noted that non-compliance of the mandatory UGC Regulations will invite appropriate action against the institutions as prescribed vide Para no.9.4 of the UGC Regulations. The name, e-mail address and mobile number of the nodal officer in-charge to whom the complaints of ragging should be made must be uploaded on the website of the institution under intimation to UGC.

You are requested to initiate all anti-ragging measures before the start of the academic session 2014-15 and send hard and soft copy to the Director, University Academic Audit Cell, JNTUH.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


DIRECTOR

Copy to
PA to Chairman, APSCHE, Hyderabad
PA to Vice-Chancellor, JNTUH, Hyderabad
PA to Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, Secretariat, Hyderabad
PA to Commissioner, Technical Education, Hyderabad
PA to Secretary, APSCHE, Hyderabad
PA to Rector, JNTUH, Hyderabad
PA to Registrar, JNTUH, Hyderabad
Dr.Archana Thakur, Deputy Secretary, UGC, New Delhi
The Principals, JNTUH CEH / JNTUH CEJ / JNTUH CEM
The Officer in-charge, JNTUH College of Engineering Sultanpur, Medak Dist.


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Encl: As above



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website: www.aicte-india.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN AICTE APPROVED TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS

It is brought to the notice of all AICTE approved Institutions, students and other various stakeholders that ragging is a criminal offence and AICTE has already notified its Regulation vide F.No. 37-3/Legal/AICTE/2009 dated July 1, 2009 and subsequent amendments notified vide F.No. 37-3/Legal/AICTE/2009 & F.No. 34-AICTE/AR/Antiragging/2016 dated July 17, 2014 and February 22, 2017 respectively (available on AICTE web portal: www.aicte-india.org) on curbing the menace of ragging in AICTE approved Technical Institutions, in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging in AICTE approved Technical Institutions.

The above Regulations are mandatory and applies to all AICTE approved Institutions. Therefore, all the Institutions should take necessary steps for its proper implementation such as:

- Constitution of Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad
- Obtaining Undertakings at the time of admission and at the time of allotment of Hostel
- Dedicated cadre of Warden(s) and regular visits to hostels
- Creating awareness through regular meetings with students
- Appointing Professional Counselor(s) for Freshers
- Erection of Poster/Banners displaying provisions of law, punishments etc.

Any violation of AICTE Regulations as cited above by an AICTE approved Institution or an instance wherein any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators for incidents of ragging suitably, AICTE shall call for punitive action against erring Institutions as per provisions of the Approval Process Handbook.

Students in distress owing to ragging related incidents can access the Toll Free Helpline No. : 1800 - 180 - 5522 or write to the Member Secretary, AICTE, JNU Campus, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110 070.

Advt. No.: PGRC/08 (01)/2019

Member Secretary, AICTE

APPENDIX-12

Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging

In view of the directions of the Honorable Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16-05-2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, dated 08-05-2009, to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 23 read with Section 10 (b), (g), (p) and (g) of AICTE Act, 1987, the All India Council for Technical Education has notified Regulations for prevention and prohibition of ragging in AICTE approved Technical Institutions vide No. 37-3/ Legal/ AICTE/ 2009 dated 01.07.2009 available on AICTE Web-Portal <http://www.aicte-india.org/anti.htm> download. All AICTE approved Technical Institutions have to comply with the provisions made in the above Regulations. Any violation of above AICTE Regulations for the prevention and prohibition of ragging, shall call for punitive action against erring Institutions as per the provisions made in the above said Regulations.

The Institutions shall have to step up Anti-Ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums:

- Constitution of Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti Ragging Squad;
- Setting up of Anti-Ragging Cell;
- Installing of CCTV cameras at vital points;
- Anti-Ragging Workshops;
- Updating all Web sites with Nodal Officers complete details, alarm bells etc.;
- Regular interaction and counselling with the students;
- Identification of trouble-triggers;
- Mention of Anti-Ragging warning in the Institution's prospectus and information Booklets/ Brochures shall be ensured; and
- Surprise inspection of hostels, student accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measures which would augur well in preventing/ quelling ragging and any uncalled for behavior / incident shall be undertaken.

Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-Ragging Helpline No. 1800-180-5522 (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail: helpline@antiragging.in.

The Institution approved by AICTE may be requested to hold Workshops and Seminars on eradication of ragging in higher Educational Institutions. They may be requested to display Anti Ragging posters at all prominent places such as Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. The size of posters should be 8'x6'.

The Institution may be requested to submit an online compliance of Anti-Ragging Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in the Technical Institutions, 2009 at www.antiragging.in.

Institutions may be requested to make it compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online undertaking every academic year at www.antiragging.in and www.amanmovement.org.

Further, the attention of all the Institutions may also be invited to the Third amendment to UGC Regulations dated 29th June, 2016 expanding the definition of ragging by including the following:

"3(j) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of color, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic, identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background".

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ANNEXURE I
AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

I, _____ (full name of the student with admission/registration/enrolment number)
S/o D/o Mr./Mrs./Ms _____, having been admitted
to _____ (name of the institution), have received a copy of
the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions,
2009 (hereinafter called the "Regulation") carefully read and fully understood the provisions
contained in the said Regulations.

2) I, have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what
constitutes ragging.

3) I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am
fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against me in case
I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to
promote ragging.

4) I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that
a) I will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under
clause 3 of the Regulations.
b) I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or
omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

5) I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, I am liable for punishment according
to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be
taken against me under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.

6) I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any
institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a
conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be
untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this ___ day of _____ month of _____ year.

Signature of the deponent
Name:

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of
the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at (place) on this the (day) of (month), (year)

Signature of the deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the (day) of (month), (year) after
reading the contents of this affidavit.

OATH COMMISSIONER/NOTARY


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ANNEXURE II
AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

I, Mr. Mrs./Ms. _____ (full name of the parent/guardian) father /mother/guardian of _____ (full name of the student with admission/registration/enrolment number) _____, having been admitted to _____ (name of the Institution) _____, have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (hereinafter called the "Regulations") carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.

2) I, have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.

3) I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward in case he/she is found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

4) I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that

a) My ward will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

b) My ward will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

5) I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, my ward is liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against my ward under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.

6) I hereby declare that I my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission of my ward is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year.

Signature of the deponent

Name:

Address:

Telephone/Mobile No:

VERIFICATION


Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at _____ (place) on this the _____ (day) of _____ (month) , _____ (year)

Signature of the deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the _____ (day) of _____ (month) , _____ (year) after reading the contents of this affidavit.

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PART II — Section 1

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इस भाग में बिना पृष्ठ संख्या दी जाती है जिससे कि यह अलग संकलन के रूप में रखा जा सके।
Separate paging is given to this Part in order that it may be filed as a separate compilation.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 23rd April, 2013/Vaisakha 3, 1935 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 22nd April, 2013, and is hereby published for general information:—

THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE: (PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) ACT, 2013

(No. 14 of 2013)


[22nd April, 2013.]

An Act to provide protection against sexual harassment of women at workplace and for the prevention and redressal of complaints of sexual harassment and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS sexual harassment results in violation of the fundamental rights of a woman to equality under articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution of India and her right to life and to live with dignity under article 21 of the Constitution and right to practice any profession or to carry on any occupation, trade or business which includes a right to a safe environment free from sexual harassment;

AND WHEREAS the protection against sexual harassment and the right to work with dignity are universally recognised human rights by international conventions and instruments such as Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, which has been ratified on the 25th June, 1993 by the Government of India;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to make provisions for giving effect to the said Convention for protection of women against sexual harassment at workplace.


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Be it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

Short title,
extent and
commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "aggrieved woman" means—

(i) in relation to a workplace, a woman, of any age whether employed or not, who alleges to have been subjected to any act of sexual harassment by the respondent;

(ii) in relation to a dwelling place or house, a woman of any age who is employed in such a dwelling place or house;

(b) "appropriate Government" means—

(i) in relation to a workplace which is established, owned, controlled or wholly or substantially financed by funds provided directly or indirectly—

(A) by the Central Government or the Union territory administration, the Central Government;

(B) by the State Government, the State Government;

(ii) in relation to any workplace not covered under sub-clause (i) and falling within its territory, the State Government;

(c) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Local Complaints Committee nominated under sub-section (1) of section 7;

(d) "District Officer" means an officer notified under section 5;

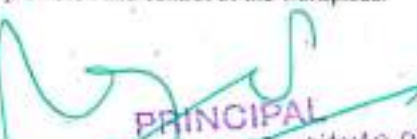
(e) "domestic worker" means a woman who is employed to do the household work in any household for remuneration whether in cash or kind, either directly or through any agency on a temporary, permanent, part time or full time basis, but does not include any member of the family of the employer;

(f) "employee" means a person employed at a workplace for any work on regular, temporary, *ad hoc* or daily wage basis, either directly or through an agent, including a contractor, with or without the knowledge of the principal employer, whether for remuneration or not, or working on a voluntary basis or otherwise, whether the terms of employment are express or implied and includes a co-worker, a contract worker, probationer, trainee, apprentice or called by any other such name;

(g) "employer" means—

(i) in relation to any department, organisation, undertaking, establishment, enterprise, institution, office, branch or unit of the appropriate Government or a local authority, the head of that department, organisation, undertaking, establishment, enterprise, institution, office, branch or unit or such other officer as the appropriate Government or the local authority, as the case may be, may by an order specify in this behalf;

(ii) in any workplace not covered under sub-clause (i), any person responsible for the management, supervision and control of the workplace.


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Explanation—For the purposes of this sub-clause "management" includes the person or board or committee responsible for formulation and administration of policies for such organisation;

(iii) in relation to workplace covered under sub-clauses (i) and (ii), the person discharging contractual obligations with respect to his or her employees;

(iv) in relation to a dwelling place or house, a person or a household who employs or benefits from the employment of domestic worker, irrespective of the number, time period or type of such worker employed, or the nature of the employment or activities performed by the domestic worker;

(h) "Internal Committee" means an Internal Complaints Committee constituted under section 4;

(i) "Local Committee" means the Local Complaints Committee constituted under section 6;

(j) "Member" means a Member of the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be;

(k) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(l) "Presiding Officer" means the Presiding Officer of the Internal Complaints Committee nominated under sub-section (2) of section 4;

(m) "respondent" means a person against whom the aggrieved woman has made a complaint under section 9;

(n) "sexual harassment" includes any one or more of the following unwelcome acts or behaviour (whether directly or by implication) namely:—

(i) physical contact and advances; or

(ii) a demand or request for sexual favours; or

(iii) making sexually coloured remarks; or

(iv) showing pornography; or

(v) any other unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature;

(o) "workplace" includes —

(i) any department, organisation, undertaking, establishment, enterprise, institution, office, branch or unit which is established, owned, controlled or wholly or substantially financed by funds provided directly or indirectly by the appropriate Government or the local authority or a Government company or a corporation or a co-operative society;

(ii) any private sector organisation or a private venture, undertaking, enterprise, institution, establishment, society, trust, non-governmental organisation, unit or service provider carrying on commercial, professional, vocational, educational, entertainment, industrial, health services or financial activities including production, supply, sale, distribution or service;

(iii) hospitals or nursing homes;

(iv) any sports institute, stadium, sports complex or competition or games venue, whether residential or not used for training, sports or other activities relating thereto;

(v) any place visited by the employee arising out of or during the course of employment including transportation provided by the employer for undertaking such journey;

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(vi) a dwelling place or a house;

(v) "unorganised sector" in relation to a workplace means an enterprise owned by individuals or self-employed workers and engaged in the production or sale of goods or providing service of any kind whatsoever, and where the enterprise employs workers, the number of such workers is less than ten.

Prevention of sexual harassment

3. (1) No woman shall be subjected to sexual harassment at any workplace.

(2) The following circumstances, among other circumstances, if it occurs or is present in relation to or connected with any act or behaviour of sexual harassment may amount to sexual harassment:—

- (i) implied or explicit promise of preferential treatment in her employment; or
- (ii) implied or explicit threat of detrimental treatment in her employment; or
- (iii) implied or explicit threat about her present or future employment status; or
- (iv) interference with her work or creating an intimidating or offensive or hostile work environment for her, or
- (v) humiliating treatment likely to affect her health or safety.

CHAPTER II

CONSTITUTION OF INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Constitution of Internal Complaints Committee

4. (1) Every employer of a workplace shall, by an order in writing, constitute a Committee to be known as the "Internal Complaints Committee":

Provided that where the offices or administrative units of the workplace are located at different places or divisional or sub-divisional level, the Internal Committee shall be constituted at all administrative units or offices.

(2) The Internal Committee shall consist of the following members to be nominated by the employer, namely:—

(a) a Presiding Officer who shall be a woman employed at a senior level at workplace from amongst the employees:

Provided that in case a senior level woman employee is not available, the Presiding Officer shall be nominated from other offices or administrative units of the workplace referred to in sub-section (1):

Provided further that in case the other offices or administrative units of the workplace do not have a senior level woman employee, the Presiding Officer shall be nominated from any other workplace of the same employer or other department or organisation;

(b) not less than two Members from amongst employees preferably committed to the cause of women or who have had experience in social work or have legal knowledge;

(c) one member from amongst non-governmental organisations or associations committed to the cause of women or a person familiar with the issues relating to sexual harassment:

Provided that at least one-half of the total Members so nominated shall be women.

(3) The Presiding Officer and every Member of the Internal Committee shall hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, from the date of their nomination as may be specified by the employer.

(4) The Member appointed from amongst the non-governmental organisations or associations shall be paid such fees or allowances for holding the proceedings of the Internal Committee, by the employer, as may be prescribed.

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(5) Where the Presiding Officer or any Member of the Internal Committee,—

(a) contravenes the provisions of section 16; or

(b) has been convicted for an offence or an inquiry into an offence under any law for the time being in force is pending against him; or

(c) he has been found guilty in any disciplinary proceedings or a disciplinary proceeding is pending against him; or

(d) has so abused his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the public interest,

such Presiding Officer or Member, as the case may be, shall be removed from the Committee and the vacancy so created or any casual vacancy shall be filled by fresh nomination in accordance with the provisions of this section.

CHAPTER III

CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

5. The appropriate Government may notify a District Magistrate or Additional District Magistrate or the Collector or Deputy Collector as a District Officer for every District to exercise powers or discharge functions under this Act.

Notification of District Officer.

6. (1) Every District Officer shall constitute in the district concerned, a committee to be known as the "Local Complaints Committee" to receive complaints of sexual harassment from establishments where the Internal Complaints Committee has not been constituted due to having less than ten workers or if the complaint is against the employer himself.

Constitution and jurisdiction of Local Complaints Committee.

(2) The District Officer shall designate one nodal officer in every block, taluka and tehsil in rural or tribal area and ward or municipality in the urban area, to receive complaints and forward the same to the concerned Local Complaints Committee within a period of seven days.

(3) The jurisdiction of the Local Complaints Committee shall extend to the areas of the district where it is constituted.

7. (1) The Local Complaints Committee shall consist of the following members to be nominated by the District Officer, namely:—

Composition, tenure and other terms and conditions of Local Complaints Committee.

(a) a Chairperson to be nominated from amongst the eminent women in the field of social work and committed to the cause of women;

(b) one Member to be nominated from amongst the women working in block, taluka or tehsil or ward or municipality in the district;

(c) two Members, of whom at least one shall be a woman, to be nominated from amongst such non-governmental organisations or associations committed to the cause of women or a person familiar with the issues relating to sexual harassment, which may be prescribed;

Provided that at least one of the nominees should, preferably, have a background in law or legal knowledge:

Provided further that at least one of the nominees shall be a woman belonging to the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes or the Other Backward Classes or minority community notified by the Central Government, from time to time;

(d) the concerned officer dealing with the social welfare or women and child development in the district, shall be a member *ex officio*.

(2) The Chairperson and every Member of the Local Committee shall hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, from the date of their appointment as may be specified by the District Officer.

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(3) Where the Chairperson or any Member of the Local Complaints Committee—

- (a) contravenes the provisions of section 16; or
- (b) has been convicted for an offence or an inquiry into an offence under any law for the time being in force is pending against him; or
- (c) has been found guilty in any disciplinary proceedings or a disciplinary proceeding is pending against him; or
- (d) has so abused his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the public interest,

such Chairperson or Member, as the case may be, shall be removed from the Committee and the vacancy so created or any casual vacancy shall be filled by fresh nomination in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(4) The Chairperson and Members of the Local Committee other than the Members nominated under clauses (b) and (d) of sub-section (1) shall be entitled to such fees or allowances for holding the proceedings of the Local Committee as may be prescribed.

Grants and
audit

8. (1) The Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, make to the State Government grants of such sums of money as the Central Government may think fit, for being utilised for the payment of fees or allowances referred to in sub-section (4) of section 7.

(2) The State Government may set up an agency and transfer the grants made under sub-section (1) to that agency.

(3) The agency shall pay to the District Officer, such sums as may be required for the payment of fees or allowances referred to in sub-section (4) of section 7.

(4) The accounts of the agency referred to in sub-section (2) shall be maintained and audited in such manner as may, in consultation with the Accountant General of the State, be prescribed and the person holding the custody of the accounts of the agency shall furnish, to the State Government, before such date, as may be prescribed, its audited copy of accounts together with auditors' report thereon.

CHAPTER IV

COMPLAINT

Complaint of
sexual
harassment

9. (1) Any aggrieved woman may make, in writing, a complaint of sexual harassment at workplace to the Internal Committee if so constituted, or the Local Committee, in case it is not so constituted, within a period of three months from the date of incident and in case of a series of incidents, within a period of three months from the date of last incident:

Provided that where such complaint cannot be made in writing, the Presiding Officer or any Member of the Internal Committee or the Chairperson or any Member of the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall render all reasonable assistance to the woman for making the complaint in writing:

Provided further that the Internal Committee or, as the case may be, the Local Committee may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the time limit not exceeding three months, if it is satisfied that the circumstances were such which prevented the woman from filing a complaint within the said period.

(2) Where the aggrieved woman is unable to make a complaint on account of her physical or mental incapacity or death or otherwise, her legal heir or such other person as may be prescribed may make a complaint under this section.

Conciliation

10. (1) The Internal Committee or, as the case may be, the Local Committee, may, before initiating an inquiry under section 11 and at the request of the aggrieved woman take steps to settle the matter between her and the respondent through conciliation:


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Provided that no monetary settlement shall be made as a basis of conciliation.

(2) Where a settlement has been arrived at under sub-section (1), the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall record the settlement so arrived and forward the same to the employer or the District Officer to take action as specified in the recommendation.

(3) The Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall provide the copies of the settlement as recorded under sub-section (2) to the aggrieved woman and the respondent.

(4) Where a settlement is arrived at under sub-section (1), no further inquiry shall be conducted by the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be.

11. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 10, the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall, where the respondent is an employee, proceed to make inquiry into the complaint in accordance with the provisions of the service rules applicable to the respondent and where no such rules exist, in such manner as may be prescribed or in case of a domestic worker, the Local Committee shall, if *prima facie* case exist, forward the complaint to the police, within a period of seven days for registering the case under section 509 of the Indian Penal Code, and any other relevant provisions of the said Code where applicable:

Inquiry into complaint

45 of 1860.

Provided that where the aggrieved woman informs the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, that any term or condition of the settlement arrived at under sub-section (2) of section 10 has not been complied with by the respondent, the Internal Committee or the Local Committee shall proceed to make an inquiry into the complaint or, as the case may be, forward the complaint to the police:

Provided further that where both the parties are employees, the parties shall, during the course of inquiry, be given an opportunity of being heard and a copy of the findings shall be made available to both the parties enabling them to make representation against the findings before the Committee.

45 of 1860.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 509 of the Indian Penal Code, the court may, when the respondent is convicted of the offence, order payment of such sums as it may consider appropriate, to the aggrieved woman by the respondent, having regard to the provisions of section 15.

5 of 1908

(3) For the purpose of making an inquiry under sub-section (1), the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall have the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 when trying a suit in respect of the following matters, namely:—

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;

(b) requiring the discovery and production of documents; and

(c) any other matter which may be prescribed.

(4) The inquiry under sub-section (1) shall be completed within a period of ninety days.

CHAPTER V

INQUIRY INTO COMPLAINT

12. (1) During the pendency of an inquiry, on a written request made by the aggrieved woman, the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, may recommend to the employer to—

Action during pendency of inquiry

(a) transfer the aggrieved woman or the respondent to any other workplace; or

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(b) grant leave to the aggrieved woman up to a period of three months; or

(c) grant such other relief to the aggrieved woman as may be prescribed.

(2) The leave granted to the aggrieved woman under this section shall be in addition to the leave she would be otherwise entitled.

(1) On the recommendation of the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, under sub-section (1), the employer shall implement the recommendations made under sub-section (1) and send the report of such implementation to the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be.

Inquiry report

13. (1) On the completion of an inquiry under this Act, the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall provide a report of its findings to the employer, or as the case may be, the District Officer within a period of ten days from the date of completion of the inquiry and such report be made available to the concerned parties.

(2) Where the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, arrives at the conclusion that the allegation against the respondent has not been proved, it shall recommend to the employer and the District Officer that no action is required to be taken in the matter.

(3) Where the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, arrives at the conclusion that the allegation against the respondent has been proved, it shall recommend to the employer or the District Officer, as the case may be—

(i) to take action for sexual harassment as a misconduct in accordance with the provisions of the service rules applicable to the respondent or where no such service rules have been made, in such manner as may be prescribed;

(ii) to deduct, notwithstanding anything in the service rules applicable to the respondent, from the salary or wages of the respondent such sum as it may consider appropriate to be paid to the aggrieved woman or to her legal heirs, as it may determine, in accordance with the provisions of section 15:

Provided that in case the employer is unable to make such deduction from the salary of the respondent due to his being absent from duty or cessation of employment it may direct to the respondent to pay such sum to the aggrieved woman:

Provided further that in case the respondent fails to pay the sum referred to in clause (ii), the Internal Committee or, as the case may be, the Local Committee may forward the order for recovery of the sum as an arrear of land revenue to the concerned District Officer.

(4) The employer or the District Officer shall act upon the recommendation within sixty days of its receipt by him.

Punishment
for false or
malicious
complaint and
false evidence

14. (1) Where the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, arrives at a conclusion that the allegation against the respondent is malicious or the aggrieved woman or any other person making the complaint has made the complaint knowing it to be false or the aggrieved woman or any other person making the complaint has produced any forged or misleading document, it may recommend to the employer or the District Officer, as the case may be, to take action against the woman or the person who has made the complaint under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 9, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of the service rules applicable to her or him or where no such service rules exist, in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that a mere inability to substantiate a complaint or provide adequate proof need not attract action against the complainant under this section:

Provided further that the malicious intent on part of the complainant shall be established after an inquiry in accordance with the procedure prescribed, before any action is recommended.

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(2) Where the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, arrives at a conclusion that during the inquiry any witness has given false evidence or produced any forged or misleading document, it may recommend to the employer of the witness or the District Officer, as the case may be, to take action in accordance with the provisions of the service rules applicable to the said witness or where no such service rules exist, in such manner as may be prescribed.

15. For the purpose of determining the sums to be paid to the aggrieved woman under clause (ii) of sub-section (3) of section 13, the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall have regard to –

Determination of compensation

(a) the mental trauma, pain, suffering and emotional distress caused to the aggrieved woman;

(b) the loss in the career opportunity due to the incident of sexual harassment;

(c) medical expenses incurred by the victim for physical or psychiatric treatment;

(d) the income and financial status of the respondent;

(e) feasibility of such payment in lump sum or in instalments.

22 of 2005

16. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Right to Information Act, 2005, the contents of the complaint made under section 9, the identity and addresses of the aggrieved woman, respondent and witnesses, any information relating to conciliation and inquiry proceedings, recommendations of the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, and the action taken by the employer or the District Officer under the provisions of this Act shall not be published, communicated or made known to the public, press and media in any manner:

Prohibition of publication or making known contents of complaint and inquiry proceedings

Provided that information may be disseminated regarding the justice secured to any victim of sexual harassment under this Act without disclosing the name, address, identity or any other particulars calculated to lead to the identification of the aggrieved woman and witnesses.

17. Where any person entrusted with the duty to handle or deal with the complaint, inquiry or any recommendations or action to be taken under the provisions of this Act, contravenes the provisions of section 16, he shall be liable for penalty in accordance with the provisions of the service rules applicable to the said person or where no such service rules exist, in such manner as may be prescribed.

Penalty for publication or making known contents of complaint and inquiry proceedings

18. (1) Any person aggrieved from the recommendations made under sub-section (2) of section 13 or under clause (i) or clause (ii) of sub-section (3) of section 13 or sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 14 or section 17 or non-implementation of such recommendations may prefer an appeal to the court or tribunal in accordance with the provisions of the service rules applicable to the said person or where no such service rules exist then, without prejudice to provisions contained in any other law for the time being in force, the person aggrieved may prefer an appeal in such manner as may be prescribed.

Appeal

(2) The appeal under sub-section (1) shall be preferred within a period of ninety days of the recommendations.

CHAPTER VI

DUTIES OF EMPLOYER

19. Every employer shall –

(i) provide a safe working environment at the workplace which shall include safety from the persons coming into contact at the workplace;

(ii) display at any conspicuous place in the workplace, the penal consequences of sexual harassments; and the order constituting the Internal Committee under sub-section (1) of section 4;

Duties of employer


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(e) organise workshops and awareness programmes at regular intervals for sensitising the employees with the provisions of the Act and orientation programmes for the members of the Internal Committee in the manner as may be prescribed;

(d) provide necessary facilities to the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, for dealing with the complaint and conducting an inquiry;

(e) assist in securing the attendance of respondent and witnesses before the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be;

(f) make available such information to the Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, as it may require having regard to the complaint made under sub-section (1) of section 9;

(g) provide assistance to the woman if she so chooses to file a complaint in relation to the offence under the Indian Penal Code or any other law for the time being in force; 45 of 1860.

(h) cause to initiate action, under the Indian Penal Code or any other law for the time being in force, against the perpetrator, or if the aggrieved woman so desires, where the perpetrator is not an employee, in the workplace at which the incident of sexual harassment took place; 45 of 1860.

(i) treat sexual harassment as a misconduct under the service rules and initiate action for such misconduct;

(j) monitor the timely submission of reports by the Internal Committee.

CHAPTER VII

DUTIES AND POWERS OF DISTRICT OFFICER

Duties and powers of District Officer.

20. The District Officer shall,--

(a) monitor the timely submission of reports furnished by the Local Committee;

(b) take such measures as may be necessary for engaging non-governmental organisations for creation of awareness on sexual harassment and the rights of the women.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Committee to submit annual report

21. (1) The Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall in each calendar year prepare, in such form and at such time as may be prescribed, an annual report and submit the same to the employer and the District Officer.

(2) The District Officer shall forward a brief report on the annual reports received under sub-section (1) to the State Government.

Employer to include information in annual report

22. The employer shall include in its report the number of cases filed, if any, and their disposal under this Act in the annual report of his organisation or where no such report is required to be prepared, intimate such number of cases, if any, to the District Officer.


Appropriate Government to monitor implementation and maintain data

23. The appropriate Government shall monitor the implementation of this Act and maintain data on the number of cases filed and disposed of in respect of all cases of sexual harassment at workplace.

Appropriate Government to take measures to publicise the Act

24. The appropriate Government may, subject to the availability of financial and other resources,--

(a) develop relevant information, education, communication and training materials, and organise awareness programmes, to advance the understanding of the public of the provisions of this Act providing for protection against sexual harassment of woman at workplace.


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(b) formulate orientation and training programmes for the members of the Local Complaints Committee.

25. (1) The appropriate Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest or in the interest of women employees at a workplace to do so, by order in writing,—

Power to call for information and inspection of records

(a) call upon any employer or District Officer to furnish in writing such information relating to sexual harassment as it may require;

(b) authorise any officer to make inspection of the records and workplace in relation to sexual harassment, who shall submit a report of such inspection to it within such period as may be specified in the order.

(2) Every employer and District Officer shall produce on demand before the officer making the inspection all information, records and other documents in his custody having a bearing on the subject matter of such inspection.

26. (1) Where the employer fails to—

(a) constitute an Internal Committee under sub-section (1) of section 4;

(b) take action under sections 13, 14 and 22; and

(c) contravenes or attempts to contravene or abets contravention of other provisions of this Act or any rules made thereunder,

Penalty for non-compliance with provisions of Act.

he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees.

(2) If any employer, after having been previously convicted of an offence punishable under this Act subsequently commits and is convicted of the same offence, he shall be liable to—

(i) twice the punishment, which might have been imposed on a first conviction, subject to the punishment being maximum provided for the same offence;

Provided that in case a higher punishment is prescribed under any other law for the time being in force, for the offence for which the accused is being prosecuted, the court shall take due cognizance of the same while awarding the punishment;

(ii) cancellation, of his licence or withdrawal, or non-renewal, or approval, or cancellation of the registration, as the case may be, by the Government or local authority required for carrying on his business or activity.

27. (1) No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Act or any rules made thereunder, save on a complaint made by the aggrieved woman or any person authorised by the Internal Committee or Local Committee in this behalf.

Cognizance of offence by courts

(2) No court inferior to that of a Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate of the first class shall try any offence punishable under this Act.

(3) Every offence under this Act shall be non-cognizable.

28. The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

Act not in derogation of any other law.

29. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Power of appropriate Government to make rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) the fees or allowances to be paid to the Members under sub-section (1) of section 4;

(b) nomination of members under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 7;

(c) the fees or allowances to be paid to the Chairperson, and Members under sub-section (1) of section 7;


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- (d) the person who may make complaint under sub-section (2) of section 9;
- (e) the manner of inquiry under sub-section (1) of section 11;
- (f) the powers for making an inquiry under clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 11;
- (g) the relief to be recommended under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12;
- (h) the manner of action to be taken under clause (i) of sub-section (3) of section 13;
- (i) the manner of action to be taken under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 14;
- (j) the manner of action to be taken under section 17;
- (k) the manner of appeal under sub-section (1) of section 18;
- (l) the manner of organising workshops, awareness programmes for sensitising the employees and orientation programmes for the members of the Internal Committee under clause (c) of section 19; and
- (m) the form and time for preparation of annual report by Internal Committee and the Local Committee under sub-section (1) of section 21.

(3) Every rule made by the Central Government under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

(4) Any rule made under sub-section (4) of section 8 by the State Government shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature where it consists of two Houses, or where such Legislature consists of one House, before that House.

Power to
remove
difficulties

30. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as may appear to it to be necessary for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of a period of two years from the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament.


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CORRIGENDA

THE PREVENTION OF MONEY-LAUNDERING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012
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At page 18, in line 2, for "Arts", read "Art".

At page 21, in line 14, for "Protection", read "Protection".


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(3 of 2013)

At page 6, in line 22, for "clause", read "clause".

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THE BANKING LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012
(4 of 2013)

At page 8, in line 29, for 'sections 30', read 'section 30',.

CORRIGENDUM

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2013
(9 of 2013)

At page 1, in the marginal heading to section 2, for "4715,54,00,000", read "49715,54,00,000".


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1. संक्षिप्त नाम, विनियोग और प्रारंभ:

- (क) इन विनियमों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (छात्रों की शिकायतों का निवारण) विनियम, 2023 कहा जाएगा।
- (ख) वे ऐसे सभी उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थानों पर लागू होंगे, जिन्हें किसी केंद्रीय अधिनियम अथवा राज्य अधिनियम के तहत स्थापित या निगमित गया हो और विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 2 के खंड (च) के तहत मान्यता-प्राप्त सभी उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थानों तथा ऐसे सभी सम विश्वविद्यालय संस्थानों पर लागू होंगे जिन्हें तत्संबंध की धारा 3 के तहत विश्वविद्यालय घोषित किया गया हो।

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(ग) वे शासकीय राजपत्र में उनके प्रकाशन होने की तिथि से प्रभावी होंगे।

2. उद्देश्य:

किसी संस्थान में पहले से ही नामांकित छात्रों और साथ ही ऐसे संस्थानों में प्रवेश के इच्छुक छात्रों की कतिपय शिकायतों के निवारण के लिए अवसर प्रदान करना और उसके लिए एक तंत्र स्थापित करना।

3. परिभाषा:

(1) जब तक कि इन विनियमों के संदर्भ में अन्यथा अपेक्षित न हो -

- (क) "अधिनियम" का अभिप्राय विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम, 1956 (1956 का 3) से है;
- (ख) "पीडित छात्र" से अभिप्राय किसी ऐसे छात्र से है जिसे इन विनियमों के तहत परिभाषित शिकायतों के संबंध में किसी मामले अथवा तत्संबंधी किसी मामले में कोई शिकायत हो।
- (ग) "महाविद्यालय" से अभिप्राय अधिनियम की धारा 12ए की उपधारा (1) के खंड (ख) में इस प्रकार से परिभाषित किसी संस्थान से है।
- (घ) "आयोग" से अभिप्राय विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 4 के तहत स्थापित विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग से है।
- (ङ) "घोषित प्रवेश नीति" का अभिप्राय संस्थान द्वारा प्रस्तुत किए जा रहे किसी पाठ्यक्रम या अध्ययन कार्यक्रम में प्रवेश के लिए संस्थान की विवरणिका में प्रकाशित की गई किसी ऐसी नीति से है, जिसमें उसके अंतर्गत आने वाली प्रक्रियाएं भी शामिल हैं।
- (च) "शिकायत" का अभिप्राय, और इसमें निम्नवत् के संबंध में किसी पीडित छात्र द्वारा की गई शिकायत (शिकायतें) शामिल हैं, नामतः:
 - i. संस्थान की घोषित प्रवेश नीति के अनुरूप निर्धारित की गई योग्यता के विपरीत प्रवेश दिया जाना;
 - ii. संस्थान की घोषित प्रवेश नीति के तहत प्रक्रिया में अनियमितताएं;
 - iii. संस्थान की घोषित प्रवेश नीति के अनुरूप प्रवेश देने से इंकार किया जाना;
 - iv. इन विनियमों के उपबंधों के अनुरूप, संस्थान द्वारा विवरणिका का प्रकाशन न किया जाना;
 - v. संस्थान द्वारा विवरणिका में ऐसी कोई जानकारी देना जोकि झूठी या धामक हो और तथ्यों पर आधारित न हो;
 - vi. किसी छात्र द्वारा ऐसे संस्थान में प्रवेश लेने के प्रयोजन से जमा किए गए किसी दस्तावेज जोकि उपाधि, डिप्लोमा या किसी अन्य पुरस्कार के रूप में हो, उसको अपने पास रख लेना या वापस करने से इंकार करना ताकि ऐसे किसी पाठ्यक्रम या अध्ययन कार्यक्रम के संबंध में छात्र को किसी शुल्क अथवा शुल्कों का भुगतान करने हेतु तैयार किया जा सके अथवा मजबूर किया जा सके जिसमें छात्र अध्ययन नहीं करना चाहता हो;
 - vii. संस्थान की घोषित प्रवेश नीति में निर्धारित राशि से अधिक धनराशि की मांग करना।
 - viii. छात्रों की विभिन्न श्रेणियों के लिए प्रवेश में सीटों के आरक्षण के संबंध में वर्तमान में लागू किसी कानून का संस्थान द्वारा उल्लंघन किया जाना;


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- ix. ऐसे किसी संस्थान की घोषित प्रवेश नीति के तहत अथवा आयोग द्वारा विहित किन्हीं शर्तों, यदि कोई हो वो, के तहत किसी भी छात्र हेतु ग्राह्य छात्रवृत्ति या वित्तीय सहायता का भुगतान नहीं किया जाना अथवा विलम्ब से भुगतान किया जाना;
- x. संस्थान के शैक्षणिक कैलेंडर में अथवा आयोग द्वारा विहित ऐसे किसी कैलेंडर में विनिर्दिष्ट अनुसूची से इतर परीक्षाओं के आयोजन में अथवा परीक्षा के परिणामों की घोषणा में विलम्ब करना;
- xi. विवरणिका में यथा उल्लिखित अथवा संस्थान द्वारा लागू किसी कानून के किसी उपबंध के तहत यथा अपेक्षित छात्रों की सुविधा प्रदान करने में संस्थान द्वारा विफल रहना;
- xii. छात्रों के मूल्यांकन के लिए संस्थान द्वारा अपनाई गई गैर-पारदर्शी अथवा अनुचित पद्धतियां;
- xiii. ऐसे किसी छात्र को शुल्क के प्रतिदाय में विलंब करना, अथवा इंकार करना जो कि विवरणिका में उल्लिखित समय के भीतर, बशर्ते यह समय-समय पर आयोग द्वारा जारी दिशा-निर्देशों के अधीन हो, नामांकन वापस लेता है;
- xiv. अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग, महिला, अल्पसंख्यक अथवा दिव्यांग श्रेणियों के छात्रों से कथित भेदभाव की शिकायत;
- xv. प्रवेश दिए जाने के समय जैसा भरोसा दिलाया गया था अथवा प्रदान किया जाना अपेक्षित था के अनुरूप गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा प्रदान नहीं किया जाना;
- xvi. छात्र के उत्पीड़न के अन्य मामलों के अलावा जिन पर वर्तमान में लागू किसी कानून के दंडात्मक उपबंधों के तहत कार्रवाई की जानी हो, छात्र का उत्पीड़न किया जाना अथवा उसे निशाना बनाया जाना।
- xvii. संस्थान के कानूनों, अध्यादेशों, नियमों, विनियमों, या दिशा-निर्देशों के विपरीत कोई कार्रवाई किया जाना अथवा शुरू किया जाना; तथा
- xviii. आयोग और/अथवा संबंधित निवामक निकाय द्वारा बनाए गए/जारी किए गए नियमों और/या दिशा-निर्देशों के विपरीत कोई भी कार्रवाई किया जाना अथवा शुरू किया जाना।
- (छ) "संस्थान" से तात्पर्य विश्वविद्यालय से है जो विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम की धारा 2 की उप-धारा (एफ) में परिभाषित है, एक संस्थान जिसे अधिनियम 3 के तहत विश्वविद्यालय माना गया है और विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम 1956 की धारा 12ए (1) (बी) में परिभाषित एक महाविद्यालय से है।
- (ज) "लोकपाल" का अभिप्राय इन विनियमों के तहत नियुक्त लोकपाल से है।
- (झ) "विवरणिका" का अभिप्राय और इसमें ऐसा कोई प्रकाशन शामिल है, चाहे वह मुद्रित स्वरूप में अथवा अन्यथा हो, जिसे जनसाधारण (जिसमें ऐसे संस्थान में प्रवेश पाने के इच्छुकों सहित) को एक संस्था से संबंधित निष्पक्ष और पारदर्शी जानकारी प्रदान करने के लिए ऐसे संस्थान अथवा किसी प्राधिकरण अथवा ऐसे संस्थान द्वारा ऐसा करने के लिए प्राधिकृत किए गए किसी व्यक्ति द्वारा जारी किया गया हो;
- (ञ) "छात्र" से अभिप्राय किसी ऐसे संस्थान जिसमें यह विनियम लागू होते हैं, में किसी भी माध्यम से अर्थात् औपचारिक/मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा (ओडीएल)/ऑनलाइन से नामांकित किसी व्यक्ति अथवा नामांकित होने के लिए प्रवेश प्राप्ति के इच्छुक से है;


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- (ट) "छात्र शिकायत निवारण समिति (एसजीआरसी)" का अभिप्राय एक संस्थान के स्तर पर इन विनियमों के तहत गठित एक समिति से है; तथा
- (ठ) "विश्वविद्यालय" से अभिप्राय अधिनियम की धारा 2 की खंड (च) में यथा परिभाषित किसी विश्वविद्यालय से है अथवा जहां संदर्भ के अनुसार, तत्संबंध की धारा 3 के तहत इस प्रकार घोषित कोई सम विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान से है।
- (2) इन विनियमों में प्रयुक्त और परिभाषित नहीं किए गए लेकिन विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम, 1956 में परिभाषित शब्दों और अभिव्यक्तियों के वही अर्थ होंगे जो क्रमशः अधिनियम में उनके लिए निर्धारित किए गए हैं।

4. विवरणिका का अनिवार्य प्रकाशन, इसकी विषयवस्तु तथा मूल्य निर्धारण

- (1) प्रत्येक संस्थान, अपने पाठ्यक्रम या अध्ययन के किसी भी कार्यक्रम में प्रवेश आरंभ करने की तिथि से कम से कम साठ दिन की समाप्ति से पूर्व अपनी वेबसाइट पर एक विवरणिका प्रकाशित और/अथवा अपलोड करेगा, जिसमें इस तरह के संस्थान में प्रवेश लेने के इच्छुक व्यक्तियों और आम जनता की जानकारी के लिए निम्नवत् जानकारी अंतर्भूत होगी, यथा:
- (क) प्रत्येक पाठ्यक्रम अथवा अध्ययन के कार्यक्रम के लिए, शिक्षण के घंटों, व्यावहारिक सत्रों और अन्य कार्य के साथ-साथ अध्ययन के कार्यक्रमों और पाठ्यक्रमों की सूची सहित उपयुक्त सांविधिक प्राधिकरण अथवा संस्थान, जैसा भी मामला हो, द्वारा विनिर्दिष्ट पाठ्यक्रम की व्यापक रूपरेखा;
- (ख) जिस शिक्षा वर्ष हेतु प्रवेश दिए जाने का प्रस्ताव हो, उसके प्रत्येक पाठ्यक्रम अथवा अध्ययन के कार्यक्रम के संबंध में उपयुक्त सांविधिक प्राधिकरण द्वारा अनुमोदित सीटों की संख्या;
- (ग) संस्थान द्वारा विनिर्दिष्ट किसी विशेष पाठ्यक्रम अथवा अध्ययन कार्यक्रम में छात्र के रूप में प्रवेश के लिए व्यक्तियों की न्यूनतम और अधिकतम आयु सीमा सहित शैक्षिक योग्यता और पात्रता की शर्तें;
- (घ) इस प्रकार के प्रवेश के लिए आवेदन करने वाले योग्य उम्मीदवारों के चयन की प्रक्रिया, जिसमें प्रत्येक पाठ्यक्रम अथवा अध्ययन कार्यक्रम में प्रवेश के लिए ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों के चयन के लिए परीक्षा या इम्तहान के विवरण के संबंध में सभी संगत जानकारी और प्रवेश परीक्षा के लिए निर्धारित शुल्क की राशि शामिल है;
- (ङ) किसी पाठ्यक्रम या अध्ययन कार्यक्रम में अध्ययन करने के लिए ऐसे संस्थान में भर्ती किए गए छात्रों द्वारा देय शुल्क, जमा राशियाँ और अन्य प्रभारों के प्रत्येक घटक और ऐसे भुगतानों की अन्य निबंधन और शर्तें;
- (च) शास्ति लगाए जाने और संग्रहण किए जाने हेतु नियम/विनियम, विनिर्दिष्ट शीर्ष अथवा श्रेणियाँ, लगाए जाने वाली शास्ति की न्यूनतम और अधिकतम राशि;
- (छ) ऐसे संस्थानों में दाखिला लेने वाले छात्रों द्वारा यदि पाठ्यक्रम या अध्ययन कार्यक्रम के पूरा होने से पहले अथवा के बाद दाखिला छोड़ दिया जाता है तो छात्रोंको प्रतिदाय किए जाने वाले शिक्षण शुल्क और अन्य प्रभारों का प्रतिशत तथा समय सीमा जिसके भीतर तथा पद्धति जिससे छात्रोंको ऐसा प्रतिदाय किया जाएगा;
- (ज) उनकी शैक्षिक योग्यता शिक्षण संकाय का विवरण, उनकी नियुक्ति का स्वरूप (नियमित/अभ्यागत/अतिथि) और उसके प्रत्येक सदस्य के शिक्षण अनुभव के साथ;
- (झ) भौतिक और शैक्षणिक बुनियादी ढांचे और छात्रावास तथा इसके शुल्क, पुस्तकालय, चिकित्सालय अथवा उद्योग, जहां छात्रोंको व्यावहारिक प्रशिक्षण दिया जाना हो, सहित अन्य सुविधाओं के संबंध में जानकारी और विशेषरूप से छात्रों द्वारा संस्थान में प्रवेश प्राप्त करने पर प्राप्त होने वाली सुविधाओं का ब्यौर अंतर्भूत हो;


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- (अ) संस्थान के परिसर के भीतर अथवा बाह्य छात्रों द्वारा अनुशासन बनाए रखने के संबंध में सभी संगत निदेशों और विशेषरूप से किसी छात्र अथवा छात्रों की रैगिंग निषिद्ध करने संबंधी ऐसे अनुशासन को बनाए रखने और उनका उल्लंघन किए जाने के परिणामों और संगत सांविधिक विनियामक प्राधिकरण द्वारा इस संबंध में विचार किए गए किसी विनियम के उपबंधों का उल्लंघन किए जाने के परिणामों का अग्रे अंतर्विष्ट होगा; तथा
- (ट) आयोग द्वारा यथा विनिर्दिष्ट कोई अन्य जानकारी:
अर्थात् प्रत्येक संस्थान इस विनियम के खंड (क) से (ट) में उल्लिखित जानकारी को अपनी वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित/अपलोड करेगा और विभिन्न समाचार-पत्रों और अन्य मीडिया के माध्यम से प्रमुखता से प्रदर्शित करते हुए विज्ञापनों के माध्यम से इच्छुक छात्रों और आम जनता का ध्यान वेबसाइट पर इस तरह के प्रकाशन की ओर दिलाया जाएगा।
2. प्रत्येक संस्थान अपनी विवरणिका की प्रत्येक मुद्रित प्रति का मूल्य निर्धारित करेगा, जोकि विवरणिका के प्रकाशन और वितरण की उचित लागत से अधिक नहीं होगी और विवरणिका के प्रकाशन, वितरण या बिक्री से कोई लाभ अर्जित नहीं किया जायेगा।

5. छात्र शिकायत निवारण समितियां (एसजीआरसी)

- (i) संस्थान से संबंधित किसी पीड़ित छात्र की किसी भी शिकायत छात्र शिकायत निवारण समिति (एसजीआरसी) के अध्यक्ष को संबोधित की जाएगी।
- (ii) प्रत्येक संस्थान छात्रों की शिकायतों पर विचार करने के लिए निम्नलिखित संरचना के साथ उतनी संख्या में छात्रों की शिकायत निवारण समितियों (एसजीआरसी) का गठन करेगा, जितने कि आवश्यकता हो सकती है, नम्रात:

क) एक प्रोफेसर – अध्यक्ष

ख) संस्थान के चार प्रोफेसर/वरिष्ठ संकाय सदस्य- सदस्य के रूप में।

ग) शैक्षिक योग्यता/खेल-कूद में उत्कृष्टता/सह-पाठ्यचर्या गतिविधियों में प्रदर्शन के आधार पर नामित किए जाने वाले छात्रों में से एक प्रतिनिधि- विशेष आमंत्रित।

घ) अध्यक्ष अथवा कम से कम एक सदस्य का महिला होना चाहिए तथा कम से कम एक सदस्य अथवा अध्यक्ष अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति/अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग से होना चाहिए।

ङ) अध्यक्ष और सदस्यों का कार्यकाल दो वर्ष की अवधि के लिए होगा।

च) विशेष आमंत्रित सदस्य का कार्यकाल एक वर्ष का होगा।

छ) बैठक के लिए गणपूर्ति अध्यक्ष सहित लेकिन विशेष आमंत्रित व्यक्ति को छोड़ कर तीन का होगा।

ज) एसजीआरसी अपने समक्ष आने वाली शिकायतों पर विचार करते हुए नैसर्गिक न्याय के सिद्धांतों का पालन करेगा।

झ) एसजीआरसी अपनी रिपोर्ट सिफारिशों के साथ, यदि कोई हो, संबंधित संस्था के सक्षम प्राधिकारी को भेजेगा और उसकी एक प्रति पीड़ित छात्र को, अधिमानतः शिकायत प्राप्त होने की तारीख से 15 कार्य दिवसों की अवधि के अंदर भेजेगा।

ञ) छात्रों की शिकायत निवारण समिति के निर्णय से पीड़ित कोई भी छात्र इस प्रकार के निर्णय की प्राप्ति की तारीख से पंद्रह दिनों की अवधि के भीतर लोकपाल के समक्ष अपील कर सकता है।

6. लोकपाल की नियुक्ति, सेवाकाय, पद से हटाया जाना और सेवा की शर्तें:

- (i) प्रत्येक विश्वविद्यालय इन विनियमों के तहत विश्वविद्यालय के छात्रों और महाविद्यालय/विश्वविद्यालय से जुड़े संस्थानों के छात्रों की शिकायतों के समाधान के लिए लोकपाल की नियुक्ति करेगा।


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- (ii) एसजीआरसी के निर्णयों के विरुद्ध की गई अपीलों को सुनने और उन पर निर्णय लेने के लिए लोकपाल के रूप में नामित एक या अधिक अंशकालिक पदाधिकारी होंगे।
- (iii) लोकपाल सेवानिवृत्त कुलपति या सेवानिवृत्त प्रोफेसर (जिन्होंने अधिष्ठाता (डीन)/विभाग प्रमुख के रूप में काम किया हो) होंगे और उनके पास राज्य/केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों/राष्ट्रीय महत्व के संस्थानों/सम विश्वविद्यालयों या पूर्व जिले में न्यायाधीश के रूप में 10 वर्ष का अनुभव रहा हो।
- (iv) लोकपालनियुक्ति के समय, नियुक्ति से पहले एक वर्ष के दौरान या लोकपाल के रूप में अपने कार्यकाल के दौरान, संस्थान के साथ हितों के टकराव में नहीं होंगे जहाँ उनके व्यक्तिगत संबंध, पेशेवर संबद्धता या वित्तीय हित समझौता कर सकते हैं या उचित रूप से संस्थान के प्रति निर्णय की स्वतंत्रता से समझौता करने के लिए प्रतीत हो सकते हैं।
- (v) लोकपाल को पद ग्रहण करने की तिथि से तीन वर्ष की अवधि के लिए अथवा 70 वर्ष की आयु प्राप्त करने तक, इनमें से जो भी पहले हो, के लिए नियुक्त किया जाएगा और एक और कार्यकाल के लिए पुनर्नियुक्ति के लिए पात्र होगा।
- (vi) सुनवाई का संचालन करने के लिए लोकपाल को संबंधित विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा निर्धारित नियमों के अनुसार प्रति दिन प्रति बैठक के अद्यार पर शुल्क का भुगतान किया जाएगा और इसके अतिरिक्त, वे यात्रा पर किए गए व्यय की प्रतिपूर्ति के लिए पात्र होंगे।
- (vii) कदाचार या दुर्व्यवहार के सिद्ध आरोपों पर विश्वविद्यालय लोकपाल को पद से हटा सकता है।
- (viii) लोकपाल को हटाने का कोई भी आदेश तब तक नहीं दिया जाएगा जब तक कि इस संबंध में किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति द्वारा जांच नहीं कर ली जाती है, जो उच्च न्यायालय के सेवानिवृत्त न्यायाधीश के पद से नीचे के पद का व्यक्ति ना हो, और जिसमें लोकपाल को सुनवाई का उचित अवसर दिया गया हो।

7. लोकपाल के कार्यकरण:

- (i) लोकपाल, छात्र द्वारा इन विनियमों के तहत उपबंधित सभी विकल्पों को अपनाने के पश्चात् ही पीडितछात्र की अपील की सुनवाई करेंगे।
- (ii) यद्यपि, परीक्षा के संचालन में अथवा मूल्यांकन की प्रक्रिया में गड़बड़ी के मुद्दों को लोकपाल को संदर्भित किया जा सकता है, तथापि, लोकपाल द्वारा उत्तर पुस्तिकाओं के पुनर्मूल्यांकन अथवा अंकों को पुनः गणना करने हेतु कोई अपील अथवा आवेदन पर लोकपाल द्वारा सुनवाई नहीं की जाएगी, जब तक कि भेदभाव की किसी विशिष्ट घटना के परिणामों को प्रभावित करने वाली किसी विशिष्ट अनियमितता को इंगित नहीं किया जाता है।
- (iii) लोकपाल, कथित रूप से किए गए भेदभाव की शिकायतों की सुनवाई करने के लिए न्याय मित्र के रूप में किसी भी व्यक्ति की सहायता प्राप्त कर सकता है।
- (iv) लोकपाल पीडितछात्र (छात्रों)से अपील प्राप्त होने के 30 दिनों के भीतर शिकायतों का समाधान करनेके लिए सभी प्रयास करेंगे।

8. लोकपाल तथा छात्र शिकायत निवारण समितियों द्वारा शिकायतों के निवारण हेतु प्रक्रिया

- (i) प्रत्येक संस्थान, इस अधिसूचना के जारी होने की तिथि से तीन माह की अवधि के भीतर एक ऑनलाइनपोर्टल तैयार करेगा, जहां कोई भी पीडितछात्र अपनी शिकायत के निवारण के लिए आवेदन कर सकता है।


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- (ii) ऑनलाइन शिकायत प्राप्त होने पर संस्थान, ऑनलाइन शिकायत की प्राप्ति के 15 दिनों के भीतर अपनी टिप्पणियों सहित शिकायत को उपर्युक्त छात्र शिकायत निवारण समिति को भेजेगा।
- (iii) छात्र शिकायत समिति, जैसा भी मामला हो, शिकायत की सुनवाई के लिए एक तिथि निर्धारित करेगी जिसकी जानकारी संस्थान और पीडितछात्र को दी जाएगी।
- (iv) पीडित छात्र या तो व्यक्तिगत रूप से पेश हो सकता है अथवा अपना पक्ष रखने के लिए अपने किसीप्रतिनिधि को अधिकृत कर सकता है।
- (v) छात्र शिकायत निवारण समिति द्वारा समाधान नहीं की गई शिकायतों को इन विनियमों में उपबंधित समयावधि के भीतर लोकपाल को भेजा जाएगा।
- (vi) संस्थान, शिकायतों के शीघ्र निपटान हेतुलोकपाल अथवा छात्र शिकायत निवारण समिति (समितियों), जैसा भी मामला हो, कासहयोग करेंगे।
- (vii) लोकपाल, संबंधित पक्षों को सुनवाई का उचित अवसर देने के बाद, कार्यवाही के समापन पर, तत्संबंधी कारणों के साथ, इस प्रकार का आदेश पारित करेगा, जैसा कि शिकायत के निवारण के लिए उपयुक्त समझा जा सकता है और ऐसी राहत प्रदान कर सकता है जो पीडित छात्र के लिए उपयुक्त हो सकती है।
- (viii) संस्थान के साथ ही साथ पीडितछात्र को लोकपाल के हस्ताक्षर के तहत जारी की गई आदेश की प्रतियां उपलब्ध कराई जाएंगी।
- (ix) संस्थान, लोकपाल की सिफारिशों का अनुपालन करेगा।
- (x) जहां शिकायत झूठी या तुच्छ पाई जाती है उस स्थिति में लोकपाल शिकायतकर्ता के विरुद्ध उपर्युक्त कार्रवाई किए जाने की सिफारिश कर सकता है।

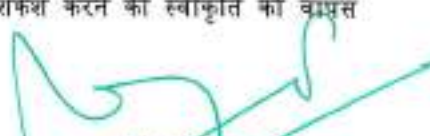
9. लोकपाल और छात्र शिकायत निवारण समितियों के संबंध में जानकारी:

संस्थान अपनी वेबसाइट और अपनी विवरणिका में स्पष्ट रूप से इसके क्षेत्राधिकार में आने वाली छात्र शिकायत निवारण समिति(समितियों) तथा अपील किए जाने के प्रयोजनार्थ लोकपाल के संबंध में सभी संगत जानकारियां उपलब्ध कराएगा।

10. अनुपालन नहीं किए जाने के परिणाम

आयोग, किसी भी संस्थान के संबंध में, जो जानबूझकर इन विनियमों का उल्लंघन करते हैं अथवा बार-बार लोकपाल या छात्र शिकायत निवारण समितियों की सिफारिश का पालन करने में विफल रहते हैं, जैसा भी मामला हो, जब तक संस्थान आयोग की संतुष्टि तक इन विनियमों का अनुपालन नहीं करता है, तब तक संस्थान के विरुद्ध निम्नवत् एक या एक से अधिक कार्यवाहियां की जा सकती हैं,

- क) अधिनियम की धारा 12बी के तहत अनुदान प्राप्त करने के लिए उपयुक्तता की घोषणा को वापस लेना;
- ख) संस्थान को आवंटित किसी अनुदान को रोका जा सकता है;
- ग) आयोग के किसी भी सामान्य अथवा विशेष सहायता कार्यक्रम के तहत किसी भी सहायता को प्राप्त करने हेतु विचार किए जाने के लिए संस्थान को अयोग्य घोषित करना;
- घ) संस्थान को एक निर्दिष्ट अवधि के लिए ऑनलाइन/मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा माध्यम से पाठ्यक्रम की पेशकश करने के लिए अयोग्य घोषित करना;
- ङ) ऑनलाइन/ मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा माध्यम से पाठ्यक्रमों की पेशकश करने की स्वीकृति को वापस लेना/रोकना/निर्बंधित करना;


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- च) उपयुक्त मीडिया में प्रमुखता से प्रदर्शित कर और आयोग की वेबसाइट पर पोस्ट कर प्रवेश हेतु संभावित अभ्यर्थियों सहित जनसाधारण को सूचित करना तथा इस बाबत घोषणा करना कि संस्थान में शिकायतों के निवारण के लिए न्यूनतम मानक मौजूब नहीं हैं।
- छ) महाविद्यालय के मामले में, संबद्धता को वापस लेने के लिए संबद्ध विश्वविद्यालय को सिफारिश करना;
- ज) सम विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान के मामले में ऐसी कार्रवाई करना, जो आवश्यक, उचित एवं उपयुक्त हो;
- झ) सम विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान के मामले में सम विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान के रूप में घोषणा को वापस लिए जाने के लिए, यदि आवश्यक हो तो, केंद्र सरकार को सिफारिश करना;
- ञ) राज्य अधिनियम के अंतर्गत स्थापित अथवा निर्गमित विश्वविद्यालय के मामले में राज्य सरकार को आवश्यक एवं उचित कार्रवाई करने की सिफारिश करना;
- ट) गैर अनुपालना के लिए संस्थान के प्रति ऐसी कार्रवाई करना जो आवश्यक एवं उपयुक्त समझी जाए।

वशर्त इन विनियमों के अंतर्गत आयोग की ओर से कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जाएगी, जब तक कि संस्थान को अपनी स्थिति को स्पष्ट करने एवं उसके पक्ष को सुने जाने का अवसर नहीं दिया गया हो।

11. इन विनियमों में उल्लिखित कोई भी शर्त, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (छात्रों की शिकायत निवारण) विनियम, 2019 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत नियुक्त किसी पदधारी लोकपाल के कार्यकाल की अवधि के दौरान उसके पद पर बने रहने को प्रतिकूल रूप से प्रभावित नहीं करेगी; कार्यकाल समाप्त होने के पश्चात् लोकपाल की नियुक्ति विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (छात्रों की शिकायतों का निवारण) के विनियम, 2023 के अनुरूप की जाएगी।

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 11th April, 2023

University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023

F.1-13/2022 (CPP-II).— In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), and in supersession of the University Grants Commission (Redress of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2019, the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following regulations, namely -

1. SHORT TITLE, APPLICATION, AND COMMENCEMENT:

- (a) These regulations shall be called as the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023.
- (b) They shall apply to all higher education institutions, whether established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act, and every institution recognized by the University Grants Commission under clause (f) of Section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and to all institutions deemed to be a University declared as such under Section 3 therein and to all higher education institutions affiliated to a University.
- (c) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. OBJECTIVE

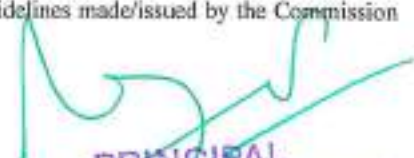
To provide opportunities for redressal of certain grievances of students already enrolled in any institution, as well as those seeking admission to such institutions, and a mechanism thereto.


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3. DEFINITION:

(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

- (a) "Act" means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956);
- (b) "aggrieved student" means a student, who has any complaint in the matters relating to or connected with the grievances defined under these regulations.
- (c) "college" means any institution, so defined in clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 12A of the Act.
- (d) "Commission" means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (e) "declared admission policy" means such policy, including the process there under, for admission to a course or program of study as may be offered by the institution by publication in the prospectus of the institution.
- (f) "grievance" means, and includes, complaint(s) made by an aggrieved student in respect of the following, namely:
 - i. admission contrary to merit determined in accordance with the declared admission policy of the institution;
 - ii. irregularity in the process under the declared admission policy of the institution;
 - iii. refusal to admit in accordance with the declared admission policy of the institution;
 - iv. non-publication of a prospectus by the institution, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations;
 - v. publication by the institution of any information in the prospectus, which is false or misleading, and not based on facts;
 - vi. withholding of, or refusal to return, any document in the form of certificates of degree, diploma or any other award or other document deposited by a student for the purpose of seeking admission in such institution, with a view to induce or compel such student to pay any fee or fees in respect of any course or program of study which such student does not intend to pursue;
 - vii. demand of money in excess of that specified to be charged in the declared admission policy of the institution;
 - viii. violation, by the institution, of any law for the time being in force in regard to reservation of seats in admission to different category of students;
 - ix. non-payment or delay in payment of scholarships or financial aid admissible to any student under the declared admission policy of such institution, or under the conditions, if any, prescribed by the Commission;
 - x. delay by the institution in the conduct of examinations, or declaration of results, beyond the schedule specified in the academic calendar of the institution, or in such calendar prescribed by the Commission;
 - xi. failure by the institution to provide student amenities as set out in the prospectus, or is required to be extended by the institution under any provisions of law for the time being in force;
 - xii. non-transparent or unfair practices adopted by the institution for the evaluation of students;
 - xiii. delay in, or denial of, the refund of fees due to a student who withdraws admission within the time mentioned in the prospectus, subject to guidelines, if any, issued by the Commission, from time to time;
 - xiv. complaints of alleged discrimination of students from the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Women, Minorities or persons with disabilities categories;
 - xv. denial of quality education as promised at the time of admission or required to be provided;
 - xvi. harassment or victimization of a student, other than cases of harassment, which are to be proceeded against under the penal provisions of any law for the time being in force;
 - xvii. any action initiated/taken contrary to the statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, or guidelines of the institution; and
 - xviii. any action initiated/taken contrary to the regulations and/or guidelines made/issued by the Commission and/or the regulatory body concerned.


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- (g) "Institution" means a university as defined in sub-section (f) of Section 2 of the UGC Act, an institution declared as institution deemed to be university under Section 3 of the Act, and a college as defined under section 12A (1) (b) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.
- (h) "Ombudsperson" means the Ombudsperson appointed under these regulations;
- (i) "Prospectus" means and includes any publication, whether in print or otherwise, issued for providing fair and transparent information, relating to an institution, to the general public (including to those seeking admission in such institution) by such institution or any authority or person authorized by such institution to do so;
- (j) "Student" means a person enrolled, or seeking admission to be enrolled, in any institution, to which these regulations apply, through any mode i.e., Formal / Open and Distance Learning (ODL) / Online;
- (k) "Students' Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC)" means a committee constituted under these regulations, at the level of an institution; and
- (l) "University" means a University so defined in clause (f) of section 2 of the Act or, where the context may be, an institution deemed to be University declared as such under Section 3 thereof.
- (2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these regulations but defined in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 shall have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in the Act.

4. MANDATORY PUBLICATION OF PROSPECTUS, ITS CONTENTS, AND PRICING:

- (1) Every institution, shall publish and/or upload on its website, before expiry of at least sixty days prior to the date of the commencement of the admission to any of its courses or programs of study, a prospectus containing the following for the information of persons intending to seek admission to such institution and the general public, namely:
- the list of programs of study and courses offered along with the broad outlines of the syllabus specified by the appropriate statutory authority or by the institution, as the case may be, for every course or program of study, including teaching hours, practical sessions and other assignments;
 - the number of seats approved by the appropriate statutory authority in respect of each course or program of study for the academic year for which admission is proposed to be made;
 - the conditions of educational qualifications and eligibility including the minimum and maximum age limit of persons for admission as a student in a particular course or program of study, specified by the institution;
 - the process of selection of eligible candidates applying for such admission, including all relevant information in regard to the details of test or examination for selecting such candidates for admission to each course or program of study and the amount of fee prescribed for the admission test;
 - each component of the fee, deposits and other charges payable by the students admitted to such institution for pursuing a course or program of study, and the other terms and conditions of such payment;
 - rules/regulations for imposition and collection of any fines in specified heads or categories, minimum and maximum fines may be imposed;
 - the percentage of tuition fee and other charges refundable to a student admitted in such institution in case such student withdraws from such institution before or after completion of course or program of study and the time within and the manner in which such refund shall be made to that student;
 - details of the teaching faculty, including their educational qualifications, along with their type of appointment (Regular/visiting/guest) and teaching experience of every member thereof;
 - information with regard to physical and academic infrastructure and other facilities including hostel accommodation and its fee, library, hospital, or industry wherein the practical training is to be imparted to the students and in particular the amenities accessible by students on being admitted to the institution;
 - all relevant instructions in regard to maintaining the discipline by students within or outside the campus of the institution, and, in particular such discipline relating to the prohibition of ragging of any student or students and the consequences thereof and for violating the provisions of any regulation in this behalf made by the relevant statutory regulatory authority; and
 - Any other information as may be specified by the Commission.

Provided that an institution shall publish/upload information referred to in clauses (a) to (k) of this regulation, on its website, and the attention of prospective students and the general public shall be drawn to such publication being on the website through advertisements displayed prominently in different newspapers and through other media.


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- (2) Every institution shall fix the price of each printed copy of the prospectus, being not more than the reasonable cost of its publication and distribution and no profit be made out of the publication, distribution, or sale of prospectus.

5. STUDENT GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEES (SGRC):

- (i) A complaint from an aggrieved student relating to the institution shall be addressed to the Chairperson, Students' Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC).
- (ii) Every Institution shall constitute such number of Students' Grievance Redressal Committees (SGRC), as may be required to consider grievances of the students, with the following composition, namely:
 - a) A Professor - Chairperson
 - b) Four Professors/Senior Faculty Members of the Institution as Members.
 - c) A representative from among students to be nominated on academic merit/excellence in sports/performance in co-curricular activities-Special Invitee.
- (iii) Atleast one member or the Chairperson shall be a woman and atleast one member or the Chairperson shall be from SC/ST/OBC category.
- (iv) The term of the chairperson and members shall be for a period of two years.
- (v) The term of the special invitee shall be one year.
- (vi) The quorum for the meeting including the Chairperson, but excluding the special invitee, shall be three.
- (vii) In considering the grievances before it, the SGRC shall follow principles of natural justice.
- (viii) The SGRC shall send its report with recommendations, if any, to the competent authority of the institution concerned and a copy thereof to the aggrieved student, preferably within a period of 15 working days from the date of receipt of the complaint.
- (ix) Any student aggrieved by the decision of the Students' Grievance Redressal Committee may prefer an appeal to the Ombudsperson, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of such decision.

6. APPOINTMENT, TENURE, REMOVAL AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICES OF OMBUDSPERSON:

- (i) Each University shall appoint Ombudsperson for redressal of grievances of students of the university and colleges/institutions affiliated with the university under these regulations.
- (ii) There shall be one or more part-time functionaries designated as Ombudspersons to hear, and decide on, appeals preferred against the decisions of the SGRCs.
- (iii) The Ombudsperson shall be a retired Vice-Chancellor or a retired Professor (who has worked as Dean/HOD) and has 10 years' experience as a Professor at State/Central Universities/Institutions of National Importance/Deemed to be Universities or a former District Judge.
- (iv) The Ombudsperson shall not, at the time of appointment, during one year before appointment, or in the course of his/her tenure as Ombudsperson, be in conflict of interest with the Institution where his/her personal relationship, professional affiliations or financial interest may compromise or reasonably appear to compromise, the independence of judgment towards the Institution.
- (v) The Ombudsperson shall be appointed for a period of three years or until he/she attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier, from the date of assuming office, and shall be eligible for reappointment for another one term.
- (vi) For conducting the hearings, the Ombudsperson shall be paid a sitting fee, per diem, in accordance with the norms fixed by the respective university and shall, in addition, be eligible for reimbursement of the expenditure incurred on conveyance.
- (vii) The University may remove the Ombudsperson from office, on charges of proven misconduct or misbehaviour.
- (viii) No order of removal of Ombudsperson shall be made except after an inquiry made in this regard by a person, not below the rank of a retired judge of the High Court in which a reasonable opportunity of being heard is given to the Ombudsperson.

7. FUNCTIONS OF OMBUDSPERSON:

- (i) The Ombudsperson shall hear appeals from an aggrieved student, only after the student has availed all other remedies provided under these regulations.


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- (ii) While issues of malpractices in the conduct of examination or in the process of evaluation may be referred to the Ombudsperson, no appeal or application for revaluation or re-totalling of answer sheets from an examination, shall be entertained by the Ombudsperson unless specific irregularity materially affecting the outcome or specific instance of discrimination is indicated.
- (iii) The Ombudsperson may avail assistance of any person, as amicus curiae, for hearing complaints of alleged discrimination.
- (iv) The Ombudsperson shall make all efforts to resolve the grievances within a period of 30 days of receiving the appeal from the aggrieved student(s).

8. PROCEDURE FOR REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES BY OMBUDSPERSONS AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEES:

- (i) Each institution shall, within a period of three months from the date of issue of this notification, have an online portal where any aggrieved student may submit an application seeking redressal of grievance.
- (ii) On receipt of an online complaint, the institution shall refer the complaint to the appropriate Students' Grievance Redressal Committee, along with its comments within 15 days of receipt of complaint on the online portal.
- (iii) The Students' Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall fix a date for hearing the complaint which shall be communicated to the institution and the aggrieved student.
- (iv) An aggrieved student may appear either in person or authorize a representative to present the case.
- (v) Grievances not resolved by the Students' Grievance Redressal Committee within the time period provided in these regulations may be referred to the Ombudsperson by the university.
- (vi) Institutions shall extend co-operation to the Ombudsperson or the Student Grievance Redressal Committee(s), in early redressal of grievances.
- (vii) The Ombudsperson shall, after giving reasonable opportunities of being heard to the parties concerned, on the conclusion of proceedings, pass such order, with reasons thereof, as may be deemed fit to redress the grievance and provide such relief as may be appropriate to the aggrieved student.
- (viii) The institution, as well as the aggrieved student, shall be provided with copies of the order under the signature of the Ombudsperson.
- (ix) The institution shall comply with the recommendations of the Ombudsperson.
- (x) The Ombudsperson may recommend appropriate action against the complainant, where a complaint is found to be false or frivolous.

9. INFORMATION REGARDING OMBUDSPERSONS AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEES:

An institution shall furnish, prominently, on its website and in its prospectus, all relevant information in respect of the Students' Grievance Redressal Committee(s) coming in its purview, and the Ombudsperson for the purpose of appeals.

10. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

The Commission shall in respect of any institution, which wilfully contravenes these regulations or repeatedly fails to comply with the recommendation of the Ombudsperson or the Students' Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, proceed to take one or more of the following actions till the institution complies with these Regulations to the satisfaction of the Commission, namely:

- (a) withdrawal of declaration of fitness to receive grants under section 12B of the Act;
- (b) withholding any grant allocated to the Institution;


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- (c) declaring the institution ineligible for consideration for any assistance under any of the general or special assistance programs of the Commission;
- (d) declaring the institution ineligible to offer courses through Online/ODL mode for a specified period;
- (e) withdrawing / withholding / suspending the approval for offering courses through Online/ODL mode;
- (f) informing the general public, including potential candidates for admission, through a notice displayed prominently in suitable media and posted on the website of the Commission, declaring that the institution does not possess the minimum standards for redressal of grievances;
- (g) recommend to the affiliating University for withdrawal of affiliation, in case of a college;
- (h) take such action as it may deem necessary, appropriate and fit, in case of an institution deemed to be University;
- (i) recommend to the Central Government, if required, for withdrawal of declaration as institution deemed to be a University, in case of an institution deemed to be University;
- (j) recommend to the State Government to take necessary and appropriate action, in case of a University established or incorporated under a State Act;
- (k) such other action as may be deemed necessary and appropriate against an institution for non-compliance.

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Commission under this regulation, unless the institution has been provided an opportunity of being heard to explain its position.

11. Nothing mentioned herein above in these regulations shall affect the continuance in office, during the currency of the term, of an incumbent Ombudsperson appointed under the provisions of the UGC (Redress of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2019; where after, the appointment of Ombudsperson shall be made as per University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023.

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