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Dear Sir/Madam

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal 887 of 2009 in the matter of University of Kerala versus Council, Principals', Colleges, Kerala and Others, constituted a four members committee of mental health and public health professionals with the following terms of reference.

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- i. To ascertain the reasons and circumstances under which senior students resort to ragging;
- ii. To ascertain the psychological impact of ragging on students;
- iii. To assess and quantify the impact of ragging and indiscipline on the standard of education in an institution and relate it to the existing procedures used by MCI, UGC and other regulatory bodies to assess the suitability of an institution for recognition;
- iv. To recommend urgent and mandatory mental health measures to be implemented in, and practiced by school, colleges, and all educational and vocational institutions, so as to curb ragging.

The four members committee has since submitted its Report entitled "Psychosocial Study of Ragging in Selected Educational Institutions in India" to the UGC. The report has been uploaded on the UGC website and may be accessed through the link http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7661310_Psychosocial-Study-of-Ragging.pdf. The recommendations of the study are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

The important recommendations which call for an urgent action on the part of the higher education institutions are as follows:

- (1) The higher education institutions should organize welcome and orientation programmes at the beginning of every academic session involving the students through which a clear message shall be sent regarding acceptable and unacceptable behaviours. This must include zero tolerance to ragging, sexual harassment and discrimination based on caste, religion, ethnicity etc.
- (2) Apart from installation of CCTV cameras, a proper surveillance mechanism consisting of a human system of wardens, mentors etc. shall be institutionalized, wherein they should be in regular touch with the students and promote their inclusion in activities such as games, sports and extra-curricular activities etc. in the hostels.
- (3) A clear Standard Operating Procedure shall be laid down for dealing with the cases of ragging. The students should be made aware of these rules as well as the procedure for filing a complaint, who to approach and their contact information and the procedure that will be followed by the HEI, with assurance of anonymity of complaint.

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