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(Department of Higher Education)

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Enclosed please find the Minutes of the **Meeting to review the Anti-Ragging Initiatives/Programmes** with the Regulatory Bodies held in the Conference Hall, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi on 13.02.2018 (Tuesday) under the Chairmanship of Shri Kewal Kumar Sharma, Secretary (HE), MHRD, for necessary action, compliance and report to:-

- 1) Shri P. Sasikumar, DS (HE), MHRD, Room No. 221, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
 - 2) Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110 002.
2. Please attach Priority.


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All Regulatory Bodies (as per the list attached)

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Copy for information to:-

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- Deputy Secretary (HE), MHRD

NIC attached to MHRD, with kind request to place the Minutes on the Website of MHRD

The list of participants of Regulatory Bodies in the Meeting on 13.02.2018 in New Delhi:-

- 1) Prof. Rajnish Jain, Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi
- 2) Dr. (Mrs.) Archana Thakur, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi
- 3) Dr. Rajendra Wabale, Joint Secretary, Medical Council of India, New Delhi
- 4) Dr. N. Rana, Pr. Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
- 5) Mrs. Ranjeet Kaur, Secretary, Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi
- 6) Sh. Narender Singh, Dy. Directory, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi
- 7) Dr. S.K. Katharia, Dental Council of India, New Delhi
- 8) Sh. Mukesh Kumar, Dental Council of India, New Delhi
- 9) Sh. Rohit Chauhan, Manager, Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurugram
- 10) Sh. Nishant Kumar, Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurugram
- 11) Sh. Ajay Moti, Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurugram
- 12) Sh. Anil Mittal, Pharmacy Council of India

The list of Regulatory Bodies:-

- 1) The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002
- 2) The Secretary, Dental Council of India, Aiwan-E-Galib Marg, Kotla Road, Temple Lane, New Delhi-110 002
- 3) The Secretary, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001
- 4) The Secretary, Medical Council of India, Pocket-14, Phase-I, Dwarka Sector-8, New Delhi-110 077
- 5) The Secretary, Indian Nursing Council, 8th Floor, NBCC Centre, Plot No. 2, Community Centre, Okhla Phase-I, New Delhi-110 020
- 6) The Secretary, Pharmacy council of India, Aiwan-E-Galib Marg, Kotla Road, Temple Lane, New Delhi-110 002
- 7) The Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110 067
- 8) The Secretary, Sports Authority of India, Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, Complex East Gate Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003
- 9) The Secretary, Bar Council of India, 21, Rouse Avenue, Institutional Area, New Delhi-110 002
- 10) Prof. Raj Kachroo, Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, 689, Sector 23, Gurugram (Haryana)-122 017

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
New Delhi

MINUTES OF THE MEETING TO REVIEW THE ANTI-RAGGING INITIATIVES/PROGRAMMES WITH THE REGULATORY BODIES HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (HE) ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M. IN CONFERENCE HALL, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

The list of the participants is at **Annexure**.

The meeting commenced with a welcome note by **Sh. Kewal Kumar Sharma, Secretary (HE)**. He highlighted that the objective of the Meeting was to review all the existing Anti-Ragging mechanisms and to identify more initiatives to contain the social evil. He emphasized on the need to take urgent measures in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to curb rising menace of Ragging in many States. He desired that all other Regulatory Bodies/Councils should follow suit to contain ragging in their Institutions.

Ms. Ishita Roy, Joint Secretary, MHRD, briefed about the SLP(C) No. 24295 of 2004 in University of Kerala Vs. Council of Principal of Colleges Case in Supreme Court, wherein the Court took upon the task of curbing ragging in HEIs. The Court had directed for constitution of Dr. Raghavan Committee to suggest suitable measures and implementation of UGC Regulations, 2009 by all the Regulatory Bodies. She invited the attention about the Clause 3 of the Regulations which defined Ragging and subsequent amendment of 2016 which enlarged the definition of Ragging to include:

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

She informed that said Raghavan Committee was monitoring the Anti-Ragging initiatives on a yearly basis. The Committee has so far held 18 meetings, the last one being on 08.06.2016. She expressed serious concern about the significant increase in a few States. She informed that the Ministry has written to the Chief Secretaries of States like West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha, which have reported high number of ragging cases. It was stated that as per a Report of 2017 by Prof. Raj Kachroo to review initiatives undertaken since 2012, numbers of ragging cases in rural areas were reportedly higher vis-à-vis urban areas. Ragging still continues in Medical colleges. The report stated that there had been significant numbers of cases from NIT Durgapur, BHU and MANIT, Bhopal. It also had appreciated proactive approach of AICTE and DCI and highlighted MCI and ICAR as least proactive Councils.

The following submissions were made by various Councils:-

1. **Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Monitoring Agency:** The Representative of the Agency apprised the members about the process being followed while registering a Ragging case and its follow-up mechanism. It informed about the active campaigning through emails to all the Colleges. It proposed to create awareness among the teachers during their training programmes in Human Resource Development Centres (HRDC).
2. **All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE):** The Representative of the Council informed that there were more than 10,000 Institutions with around 25 Lakh students under its ambit. He informed that in order to ensure compliances of various measures, AICTE gives approval to the Institutions on yearly basis only if the Institution has formed Anti-Ragging Committees/Anti-Ragging Squads/and has received Undertakings by students, parents & employees and appointed Counselors. AICTE also conducts surprise inspections of Hostels/Student Accommodations/Canteen.
3. **Dental Council of India (DCI):** The Representative of the Council informed that they gather information regarding formation of Anti-Ragging Committees/Anti-Ragging Squads by Institutions/Undertaking before giving grants & aids to the Institutions. They also send Members to Dental Colleges for conducting Workshops for Faculties/Students/Staffs.
4. **Medical Council of India (MCI):** The Representative of the Council informed that they do not have their own measures, but follow UGC directions to curb ragging. He informed that MCI takes Anti-Ragging Undertaking from students as well as employees. He also informed that comments are called from Colleges where ragging cases occur and then the Committee in Council decides if an inquiry is to be conducted or not. The measures taken by Institutions are also regularly followed up.
5. **University Grants Commission (UGC):** UGC informed that they receive the cases from other Regulatory Bodies & those under litigation. UGC works in a tri-partite agreement with the Monitoring Agency and a Call Centre to handle ragging complaints in an effective manner.
6. **Pharmacy Council of India (PCI):** The Representative of the Council informed that it issues inspection letters to Colleges only if there are no ragging cases and they have complied regarding formation of Anti-Ragging Committees/Anti-Ragging Squads.
7. **Indian Nursing Council (INC):** The Representative of the Council informed that there are only 2 Active cases of ragging and they are taking measures to increase awareness among Faculties and Students.
8. **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):** The Representative of the Council informed that they give developmental grants to around 75 Agricultural Universities and follow cases seriously.

The Agenda items were then taken up one by one and decisions taken thereon:-

1. Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions (Third Amendment), Regulations, 2016

Decision Taken:

The DCI, MCI, AICTE, INC informed having amended/notified the UGC's recent Regulations through 3rd Amendment, 2016. Other Councils including PCI and ICAR are to adopt these Regulations expeditiously and send compliance to this Ministry.

2. Rise in number of ragging cases in many States

As per the Hon'ble SC Order dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887 of 2009 in University of Kerala vs. Council, Principals' Colleges, Kerala and Ors. Case, the Court as per the recommendations of the Dr. Raghavan Committee directed to institute various Committees at the level of Institution, District, University and State as per the Recommendation No. 18, 28, 30 and 31 respectively.

Decision Taken:

Secretary (HE) directed MHRD to convey the guidelines to States/Districts for implementation of various Anti-Ragging measures in a clear, cogent manner. The same is to be communicated to all the Councils also for better awareness. The meetings in all the Districts may be conducted to review constitutions of Anti-Ragging Committees, Anti-Ragging Squads, filing of Undertaking every year and familiarization of new students in all the Institutions

3. Regulatory body-wise details of ragging cases

Decision Taken:

All the Regulatory Bodies were requested for regular reporting of Reported/Resolved/Active cases on monthly basis to UGC/MHRD.

4. Inter Council Committee Meetings in UGC

Secretary (HE) appreciated the regular holding of the Meetings by UGC.

5. Funds allocated on Media Campaigning on Anti-Ragging

The UGC informed that out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 4.79 crore for the year 2016-17, expenditure to the tune of Rs. 3.89 crore has been incurred and the Utilization Certificates (UCs) of the same shall be furnished on priority basis.

Decision Taken:

All Regulatory bodies may share complete year-wise details of funds allocated/spent on Media Campaigning on Anti-Ragging.

6. Psychosocial Study of Ragging in Selected Educational Institutions in India Report, 2015

The UGC has written to all the Regulatory Bodies/Vice-Chancellors of all Universities/UGC Regional Offices to implement the short term & long term recommendations of the Dr. Mohan Rao Committee Report.

Decisions Taken:

- (i) **The UGC will write to MHRD to implement the recommendations of the Report pertaining to Schools by the Department of School Education & Literacy.**
- (ii) **Other Regulatory Bodies to implement the recommendations & to issue necessary directions.**

7. Closure of ragging complaints

Closing of the ragging complaints, reasons for closure along with the satisfaction level of the student/parent/guardian should be clearly mentioned in future by all the Regulatory bodies. **It was noted for compliance by all the Regulatory Bodies.**

8. CCTV cameras installation

Action Taken Report regarding installation of CCTV cameras at all vital and sensitive locations in all HEIs may be submitted by all the Regulatory bodies. **It was noted for compliance by all the Regulatory Bodies.**

9. Details of Anti-Ragging Committee Nodal Officers

Decisions Taken:

- (i) **All the Regulatory Bodies may ensure that the Nodal Officer details are correct & updated regularly.**
- (ii) **All the Regulatory Bodies were requested to create a separate page for Anti-Ragging and to ensure regular updation of their Websites.**
- (iii) **All the Institutions should have Counselors appointed for assistance of Students in traumatic conditions.**

10. Inaction of various HEIs to effectively curb ragging

Decision Taken:

It was noted for compliance by all the Regulatory Bodies. Further, Action is required to be taken by Regulatory Bodies as per the study conducted by the Monitoring Agency as directed in Item Nos. 12 (i) & (ii), hereunder.

11. Other initiatives to increase awareness on ragging

The idea for permanent fixation of large Bill boards in campuses was appreciated and UGC to look into it.

Secretary, UGC, suggested for mandatorily reporting of ragging cases by all the Institutions on the online platform.

12. Any other item with permission of the Chairman of the Meeting.

Decisions Taken:

- (i) **Secretary (HE) directed the Monitoring Agency to do a correlation analysis between the Agency's Survey and the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2016-17 for the gap in number of Institutions reported on their Portal. A gap analysis is to be done for top States also. The same is to be presented in the next Inter Council Meeting in UGC.**
- (ii) **Secretary (HE) directed the Monitoring Agency to report the Undertaking compliance record of all the Institutions to their respective Regulatory Bodies for necessary action at their end, in one month.**
- (iii) **Secretary (HE) also requested for a psychological perspective on the need to include Schools in the awareness initiatives. The Monitoring Agency to report on the same in the next Inter Council Meeting in UGC. He also desired that the same be discussed as an agenda item in the next Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee meeting.**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure

The list of participants in the Meeting:-

S. No.	Name & Designation	Organization
1	Sh. Kewal Kumar Sharma, Secretary (Higher Education), MHRD	IN CHAIR
2	Ms. Ishita Roy, Joint Secretary, HE Bureau, MHRD	MHRD
3	Prof. Rajnish Jain, Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi	UGC
4	Dr. (Mrs.) Archana Thakur, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi	UGC
5	Dr. Rajendra Wabale, Joint Secretary, Medical Council of India, New Delhi	MCI
6	Dr. N. Rana, Pr. Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi	ICAR
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9	Dr. S.K. Katharia, Dental Council of India, New Delhi	DCI
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11	Sh. Rohit Chauhan, Manager, Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurugram	MONITORING AGENCY
12	Sh. Nishant Kumar Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurugram	MONITORING AGENCY
13	Sh. Ajay Moti Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurugram	MONITORING AGENCY
14	Sh. Anil Mittal, Pharmacy Council of India	PCI
15	Sh. P. Sasikumar, Deputy Secretary, HE Bureau, MHRD	MHRD
16	Sh. Rajendra Prasad Tewari, Under Secretary, HE Bureau, MHRD	MHRD
17	Sh. R. Balasubramanian, Section Officer, HE Bureau, MHRD	MHRD