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Dear Dr. Thakur,

I invite your kind attention to the minutes of 16th meeting of Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee held in UGC on 12.6.2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.K. Raghavan, former CBI Director. We would like to know the action taken, especially on the following: -

- i. The meeting proceeded thereafter with a brief by Dr. Mohan Rao of JNU [(who along with 2 of his colleagues, was directly requested by the UGC to attend)] on the much delayed report of the Committee on Human Behavior set up the Apex Court through its judgment of 8.5.2009. It was noted that the UGC had initiated the case only in 2012 and hence the more delay. The Chairman directed that the report should not be further delayed. He desired that the report should be comprehensive in all its aspects with appropriate recommendations to prevent ragging and for reducing the intensity and after-effects of ragging, more especially on the victims/parents and their near relatives and friends as well as the affected institutions/society as a whole.
- ii. The Committee was very clear that the MCI needed to put its house in order in respect of anti-ragging. The Committee was certain that there was hardly any seriousness on the part of MCI and its institutions on anti-ragging. The Chairman also added that, if needed, the Committee could meet Minister of Health and Family Welfare and HRM in this connection. The Chairman also warned that any continued lackadaisical and slipshod approach on the part of MCI and its affiliate institutions would be brought to the notice of the Apex Court. It was also noted that MCI being under the administrative control of Ministry of Health and being autonomous in nature did not at times take the call of UGC and MHRD in a timely and effective manner.
- iii. The Chairman desired that representatives of other regulatory bodies (including AICTE) to take note and said that if need be the head of each such body could be called by the Committee. The member - Dr Chandra Krishnamoorthy, VC Pondicherry University - also mentioned that Regulatory Bodies and UGC in particular have to be exemplars for others on anti-ragging. The member - Prof Sanjay G. Thande, former Director, IIT, Kanpur, and Member, UGC - also felt that the bodies/institutions having autonomy did not mean that they can be bit casual and ignore the expectations of MHRD on anti-ragging; he added that the call on anti-ragging needs to be taken with all seriousness and alacrity.



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- iv. On training of anti-ragging agencies/UGCs and other Regulatory Bodies Anti-Ragging Cells staffs it was noted that in the last meeting also this was directed and still it was not done. The Chairman requested forthright action on the part of UGC and Prof Kachroo. The Committee also referred to the poor communication skills of those manning the call centers. It was felt that the Centres Staff needed to be comprehensively trained in this regard. The Committee endorsed Member, Dr. A.K. Agarwal/Prof. Kachroo's suggestions that all Regulatory Bodies and institutions must store up-to-date particulars containing all comprehensive information for anti-ragging on their respective sites. The DS (UGC Headquarters) should also have a Master File on the UGC website. Any attempt to persuade/victims or their guardians to withdraw complaints of ragging should be condemned and discouraged.
- v. There should be constant interaction between regulatory agencies and institutions reporting to them in respect of anti-ragging measures.
- vi. Constant updating of websites was absolutely necessary as repeated by Dr. A.K. Agarwal, Member and Ex. Dean, Maulana Azad Medical College.
- vii. There should be adequate publicity to anti-ragging measures through various channels, and there should be adequate budget allocation for this by each agency.
- viii. All students/parents should give annual undertakings on plain paper in the prescribed format. Any failure to do this should be immediately attended to by the institution concerned.
- ix. DS (HE) also mentioned to the Chair about the enlarging the scope of ragging in all spheres by including ethnic and racial violence/incidents, for which HRM had written to the Chairman, UGC, for necessary action, including amendment of the relevant regulations. DS (UGC HQ) was reminded to note for quick action. She, however, mentioned that UGC was in the process of taking necessary action and that the UGC was obtaining legal guidance.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely


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3. Prof. (Dr.) J.S. Sandhu, Secretary UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002
4. Prof. Raj Kachroo, Aman Satya Kachroo Trust : 689, Sector-23, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017

5. Anti-ragging Call Centre, , J-1, Udyog Nagar, Near D.D. Motors, Peera Garhi, New Delhi-110041
6. Anti-Ragging, Website Agency, 113 Rohtak Road, Inder Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi - 110087
7. Dr. R.K. Raghavan, former CBI Director and Chairman, Anti-ragging Monitoring Committee, 5/3, Sir Ramaswami Street, Vepery Near Ewart School, Chennai - 600007.
8. Secretary, Medical Council of India, Pocket No.14, Sector-8, Dwarka, Phase - I, New Delhi-110075, for similar action
9. All Regulatory Bodies. *INC*
10. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

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