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## **CIRCULAR**

Ref:- Government Circular o.25370/K3/2007/H.Edn dated 20/08/2009.

Government have issued, as per circular under reference, directions to take immediate steps for compliance of the Supreme Court Judgment dated 08/05/2009 in Civil Appeal No.887 of 2009 by implementing the recommendations made by the Raghavan Committee, namely:

- (1) Every institution should engage or seek the assistance of professional counsellors at the time of admission, to counsel 'freshers' in order to prepare them for the life ahead. As far as this direction is concerned the Higher Secondary Education Department has already implemented the Career Guidance and counseling Programme.
- (2) The Principals should address joint orientation programmes of freshers and seniors. Steps to ensure the participation of teachers and parents for rendering periodical psychological counseling to students against the evil of ragging.
- (3) An anti-ragging committee and an Anti-Ragging Squad should be constituted in every institution/school. The committees, thus formed should consist of the representatives of civil/police/administration/local media/non Government organizations engaged in youth activities, representatives of the faculty members/representatives of parents/representatives of students belonging to the freshers category as well as seniors/non teaching staff and should be headed by the Principal. The Squad should work under the overall guidance of the Anti Ragging Committee and it should only consist of members belonging to the various sections of the school community.

- (4) All matters of discipline within the teaching institutions must be resolved within the campus.
- (5) A genuine message of distress from the victim of ragging should make it obligatory for the Head of the Institution to initiate action.
- (6) Penal consequences - departmental enquires shall be initiated against such heads institutions/members of administrative, faculty members/non-teaching staff who display an apathetic or insensitive attitude towards complaints of ragging.
- (7) The students/faculty, non-teaching staff, etc have to be sensitized towards the evils and consequences of ragging.
- (8) Parents/guardian of freshers should assume responsibility for promptly reporting to the HOD any instance of ragging. This should be brought to the notice of all students, parents teachers, non teaching staff etc.

The Principals of all Higher Secondary Schools and the Regional Deputy Directors of Higher Secondary Education are directed to make sure that the aforesaid directions concerning the Department are properly implemented.

 **DIRECTOR**

To

- ✓(1) The Secretary, Higher Education (K) Department (for information)
- (2) The Principals of all Higher Secondary Schools
- (3) The Regional Deputy Director, Trivandrum/Ernakulam/Kozhikkode