

TAMILNADU GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY

The following Act of the Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 14th February 1997 and is hereby published for general information.

ACT No. 7 of 1997

An Act to prohibit ragging in educational institutions in the State of Tamilnadu.

Be it enacted by the legislative Assembly of the State of Tamilnadu in the Forty eighth year of Republic of India as follows :

Short title, extent and commencement

1. This Act may be called the Tamilnadu Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997.
2. It extends to the whole of the State of Tamilnadu.
3. It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 19th of December 1996.

Definition

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires "ragging means display of noisy, disorderly conduct Doing any act which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to a student in any educational institution and includes:-
 - a) teasing, abusing of, playing practical jokes on, or causing hurt to such student or
 - b) Asking the student to do any act or perform something which such student will not in the Ordinary course willingly do.

Prohibition of ragging

3. Ragging within or without any educational institution is prohibited.

Penalty for ragging

4. Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates in abets or propagates "ragging within or without any education institution, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.

Dismissal of Student

5. Any student convicted of an offence under section. 4 shall also be dismissed from the educational institution and such student shall not be admitted in any other educational institution.

Suspension of Student

6. (1) Without prejudice provisions, whenever any student complaints of ragging to the Head of an educational institution or to any other person responsible for management of the educational institution, such head of the institution or person responsible for management of the educational institution shall inquire into the same immediately and if found true shall suspend the student, who has committed the offence, from the educational institution.

(2) The decision of the head of the educational institution or the person responsible for the management of the educational institution that any student has indulged in ragging under sub-section (1) shall be final.

Deemed abetment

7. If the head of the educational institution or the person responsible for the management of the educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in sub-section (1) of section 6 when a complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of ragging and shall be punished as provided for in section - 4.

Power to make rules

8. (1) The State Government may make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act.
(2) All rules made under this Act shall be published in the Tamilnadu Government Gazette and unless, they are expressed to come into force on a particular day, shall come into force on the day on which they are so published.
(3) Every rule made under this act shall, as soon as possible after it is made, be placed on the table of the legislative Assembly and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so placed or the next session, the Assembly makes any modification in any such rule, or the Assembly decides that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modification 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.

Repeal and saving - Tamilnadu Ordinance 10 of 1996

- 9 (1) The Tamilnadu Prohibition of Ragging Ordinance 1996 is hereby repealed.
(2) Not with standing such repeal anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done of taken under this Act.
(By order of the Governor)

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Dear Parent, Student,

The Government of Tamilnadu has issued very strict instructions regarding Ragging. Any student found or reported to have indulged in or encouraged ragging will be dismissed from the College and legal steps will be taken as per the Tamilnadu Government Gazette Extraordinary, Act No.7 of 1997 (Copy enclosed). The ragging incident will also be reported to the University and Director of Technical Education for further action. Further, the transfer Certificate Issued by the Institution will have a specific entry apart from that of general conduct and behavior whether a student has participated in and in particular been punished for 'ragging', as per the directive of the Honourable Supreme Court vide order dated 4/5/2001.

In addition to the above, as per the orders of the Honourable Supreme court of India, "if any incident of ragging comes to the notice of the authority, the concerned student shall be given liberty to explain and if his explanation is not found satisfactory, the authority would expel him from the institution".

Therefore the students are hereby instructed not to indulge in ragging in any form either inside or outside the Campus. The parents are requested to advice their ward accordingly.

The co-operation of all the parents and students is solicited in this matter.

PRINCIPAL

RAGGING IS PROHIBITED

DON'T 'RAG'

ALSO

**DON'T BE A MUTE
WITNESS
TO 'RAGGING'**

**RAGGING
IN ANY FORM
IS
PUNISHABLE.**

What is Ragging?

Any act resulting in:

- Mental / Physical / Sexual abuse
- Verbal abuse
- Indecent behaviour
- Criminal intimidation / Wrongful restraint
- Undermining human dignity
- Financial Exploitation / Extortion
- Use of force

Each of the above is a criminal offence

A student indulging in ragging can be:

- Expelled from the Institution
- Banned from the mess / hostel
- His / her scholarship can be withdrawn
- Debarred from examinations
- Denied admission to any institution
- Prosecuted for criminal action
- Institutions have been asked to file

FIR with local police against those who
RAG / ABET ragging