Regulations ‘Governing Ragging’ at par with the recommendations of Dr. R.K. Raghwan Committee

Preamble

Ragging is neither a means of familiarization nor an introduction with freshers, but a form of psychopathic behaviour and a reflection of deviant personalities which produces the entrenched power configurations in civil society. Eagerness of seniors to show off their power, authority, superiority, an attitude of backlash a “do-undo others did to you”, importance the seniors want to get.

Regulations :

1. Ragging in any form is totally banned, within or outside the premises of the Hostels, Departments or in any part of The Lawrence School, Sanawar system as well as on roads.

2. Any individual or collective act of ragging shall be dealt with as per Supreme Court guidelines.

3. Ragging for the purpose of these regulations, ordinarily mean any act, conduct or practice by which dominant power or status of senior students is brought to bear on students freshly enrolled or students who are in any way considered junior or inferior by other students and includes individual or collective acts or practices which:

a) Involve physical assault or threat or use of physical force that can lead to injury / mental torture or death.

b) Violate the status, dignity and honour of male/female student.

c) Violate the status, dignity and honour of students belonging to any caste/creed.

d) Expose students to ridicule and contempt and affect their self-esteem.

e) Entail verbal abuse and aggression, indecent gestures and obscene behavior.

f) To force to copy class notes for the seniors.

g) To force to ask undesirable questions.

h) To force to look at pornographic pictures to shock the freshers.

i) To force to take drink or arrange alcohol/scalding tea.

j) To force/compel to strip.
k) To serve various errands

l) To do any obscenities

m) To force to perform mass drills

n) Abetment to ragging

o) To force to do acts with sexual overtones

Punishments:

1. Warning

2. Suspension from attending classes

3. Cancellation of admission

4. Withholding or canceling the results

5. Imposition of fine upto Rs. 25000/- individual

6. Placement on Conduct Probation

7. Temporary or permanent withdrawal of concession/aid/stipend/scholarship/fellowship.

8. Rustication from the School.
In case the FIR is lodged against the student/students, indulged in ragging the following punishments can be imposed as per the orders of the Apex Court.

**Verbal Ragging**: Where senior causes mental harassment, discomfort for the junior by him/her to answer unacceptable/personal questions, dance, sing etc. is said to rag the junior. It also includes within its ambit cyber ragging.

**Punishment**: 1 year imprisonment or fine or both.

**Severe Verbal Ragging**: Where the mental harassment/discomfort is to such an act as forces the junior to withdraw from the School.

**Punishment**: 7 years imprisonment with fine.

**Physical Ragging**: Any act by the senior towards the junior which inflicts bodily injury on the junior; like beating the junior, hitting him/her with objects etc.

**Punishment**: 7 years imprisonment with fine.

**Sexual Ragging**: Where the senior asks the junior to do an act which damages sexual dignity of the junior.

**Punishment**: 7 years rigorous imprisonment and fine.