

Ragging is a criminal offence

What is ragging

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts.

- (A) Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student;
- (B) Indulging rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- (C) Asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student;
- (D) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or fresher;
- (E) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- (F) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- (G) Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;
- (H) Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student;
- (I) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.

Punishable ingredients of Ragging:

- Ragging and Abetment of Ragging
- Unlawful assembly or rioting while Ragging
- Public nuisance created during ragging
- Violation of decency and morals while ragging or such unlawful assembly
- Wrongful restraint or confinement
- Injury to body- causing hurt
- Use of criminal force or assault
- Attempt to commit any of the above • All other offences or attempt to commit such' offences flowing from the definition of ragging.