

Nagaland Board of School Education
Kohima

NOTIFICATION No 33 /2009.

Dated Kohima, the 16th Sept. 2009

NO.NBE- 75/Aca(PF)/2009-10:: It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that violence and ragging in schools has become a very serious and ever increasing issue all over the country. Ragging is a disorderly conduct whether by words, spoken or written or by an act with the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student. It also involves indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities which is likely to cause annoyance or psychological harm or apprehension or fear in any student or doing any act or performing something which a student will not do in the ordinary course and may cause shame or embarrassment or adversely affect the physique or psyche of one student by another.

Ragging has become such a serious issue that the Supreme Court of India has constituted a committee known as "Raghavan Committee" to make suggestions for prevention of ragging in educational institutions. Institutions are directed to adopt the following measures for prevention and to check ragging in the institutions.

1. A constant vigil should be maintained to promote preventive measures to curb violence in any form.
2. Students should be educated on Value Systems, Human Rights, Gender Sensitivity, Self Esteem, Coping with Stress, Dealing with anger, Coping with Emotions.
3. Meetings should be conducted from time to time at all levels of schooling whether at primary, upper primary or Secondary/Higher Secondary with the parents, teachers and the students.
4. Wardens in boarding and residential schools need to be sensitized to the changing dynamics of students' interaction. They should be empathetic and approachable so that the students can confide in them.
5. "No act of violence which includes physical or sexual abuse, bullying or ragging will go unnoticed or unpunished" needs to be clearly stated in the prospectus and other guidelines circulated by the school. Punishment to be meted out incase a student is caught in any act of ragging or bullying should also be made known clearly.
6. Strong action should be taken against the students indulging in violence or ragging without risking the identity of the victim.
7. Punishment to be meted out must be commensurate with the gravity of the action. It may vary from suspension in attending classes, collective and heavy fine incase of group offenders and may even go to the extent of rustication or expulsion.
8. All other efforts should be made by the institutions so as to make the school a place where learning can take place meaningfully and students can engage themselves in intellectual, social, physical and cultural pursuits.

(Mrs. Asano Sekhose)
Secretary

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A. Copy for information and necessary action:

1. The Heads of all registered institutions under NBSE.

B. Copy for information:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of School Education, Nagaland Kohima.
2. The Director, School Education/ Higher Education/ SCERT, Nagaland Kohima.
3. The District Education Officer, Dimapur/Kohima/Mokokchung/Mon/Phek/Tuensang/Wokha/Zunheboto.

(Mrs. Asano Sekhose)
Secretary.