



Legislative Assembly of Goa

**The Goa Prohibition of Ragging
Bill, 2001**

(Bill No. 26 of 2001)

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~~(To be introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Goa)~~

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*to prohibit ragging in educational institutions in
the State of Goa.*

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of
Goa in the Fifty-Second Year of the Republic of
India as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—

(1) This Act may be called the Goa Prohibition
of Ragging Act, 2001.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Goa.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as
the Government may, by notification in the Official
Gazette, appoint.

2. Definitions.— In this Act, unless the context
otherwise requires,—

(a) "Educational Institution" means and
includes a College or other Institution by
whatever name called, carrying on the activity
of imparting education therein either exclusively
or among other activities, and includes an
orphanage or a boarding home or hostel or a

tutorial institution or any other premises attached thereto;

(b) "Head of the educational institution" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dean of Medical Faculty, Director of the Institution or the Principal, Headmaster or the persons responsible for the management of the educational institution;

(c) "Ragging" means display of disorderly conduct, doing of 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:—

(i) teasing, abusing, threatening or playing practical jokes on, or causing hurt to such student; or

(ii) asking a student to do any act or perform something, which such student will not in the ordinary course, willingly, do.

3. Areas Prohibited for Ragging.— Ragging within or near any educational institution is prohibited.

4. Authority to impose penalties.—

(1) Whenever any student or, as the case may be, the parent or guardian, or a teacher of an educational institution complains in writing, of ragging to the head of the educational institution, the head of that educational institution shall, without prejudice to the foregoing provisions within seven days of the receipt of the complaint inquire into the complaint and if, prima facie, the

complaint is found true, suspend the student who is accused of the offence from the roll of the educational institution and shall immediately hand over the student to the police officer for further investigation and punishment under Section 5.

(2) Where, on an inquiry by the head of the educational institution, it is proved that there is no substance, prima facie, in the complaint received under sub-section (1), he shall intimate the fact, in writing, to the complainant.

(3) The decision of the head of the educational institution that the student has indulged in ragging under sub-section (1) shall be final.

(4) If the head of the educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in ~~Section 5~~ ^{herein} when a complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of ragging and shall on conviction be punished as provided for in Section 5.

5. Punishment.— (1) Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates in, abets or propagates ragging within or near any educational institution shall on conviction, 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.

(2) Any student so convicted shall further be removed from the roll of the educational institution and such students shall not be admitted in any other educational institution in the State for a period of three years from the date of such conviction.

Statement of Objects and Reasons

In the last few years there has been upsurge in the harassment of the students particularly by the senior students. Such activities remain unnoticed due to lack of complaints by the juniors or rather newly admitted students. Some students unfortunately are physically manhandled and psychologically get a severe depression to the extent that they discontinue their studies or even end their life.

There is persistent demand from all the corners of the society that the Government should take immediate steps to prohibit such practices of ragging in the educational institutions by providing deterrent punishment to such students who are indulging in ragging by enacting a special legislation.

In view of this, it is necessary that the Government have to decide to enact a special law prohibiting ragging in any educational institutions and providing a deterrent punishment for ragging.

The bill seeks to provide imprisonment to those who directly or indirectly commit or abet ragging within or outside any educational institution for a term, which may extend to two years and also make them liable to fine, which may extend to Rs. 10,000/-. The Bill further provides for the dismissal of convicted students from the educational institutions and for disqualifying such

students from being admitted to any other educational institution for a period of three years from the date of their dismissal.

The bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

Financial Memorandum

No financial implications are involved in this Bill.

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