

REPORT

ON

Ragging

MATTER / COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM

**S/SHRI JYOTI RANJAN AND VIVEK RANJAN
DR. MGR EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)**

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I. Introduction

UGC vide letter of even No. dated 11th August, 2008 constituted a Expert Committee consisting of the followings, to look into the matter/complaint received from S/Shri Jyoti Ranjan and Vivek Ranjan forwarded by the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi, vide their letter No. F.9-9/2008 (U-5) dated 16.06.2008 regarding harassment case of two students who complained about ragging and are therefore being harassed by Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute (Deemed University) Chennai – 600095:

- (a) Prof. R. K. Kale Chairman
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The Expert Committee of UGC visited the Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute (Dr. MGR Deemed to be University) on 21st and 22nd January, 2009. On the first day i.e. 21st January, 2009 around 10 AM the UGC Expert Committee was received by Dr. M. K. Padmanabhan, Vice-Chancellor of the University. He briefed the committee about the incidence of ragging and matter/complaint made by S/Shri Jyoti Ranjan and Vivek Ranjan. Dr. G.C. Kothandan, Executive Director, Dr. S. Dinakaran, Registrar and other officials of the University were also present. The Committee requested the Vice-Chancellor to submit the note covering all the points made in his brief as well as other related documents. At the end of the meeting,

the Chairman of the UGC Committee expressed grateful thanks to the Vice-Chancellor for welcoming them and then requested him to provide the suitable place where it can conduct the proceedings of enquiry. Then, the committee shifted to the separate hall for the same. The following officials deposed before the committee.

- 1) Dr. G. C. Kothandan, Executive Director
- 2) Dr. P. Kaliyaperumal, Dean-purchase
- 3) Dr. P. Arvandan, Dean-Research
- 4) Dr. S. Dinakaran, Registrar
- 5) Dr. C. B. Pallnivelu, Add, Registrar
- 6) Dr. P. Sivakesan, Controller of Examinations
- 7) Dr. S. Sandilvelan, Dean E&T
- 8) Shri. K. Gurunathan, Estate Officer
- 9) HoD, Bio-Technology
- 10) Shri. L. Ramesh, HoD, EEE
- 11) Shri. S. Balakrishan, Examination Cell

The Committee asked the Vice-Chancellor that he should make sure to send any person serving in the University when called for the deposition as a witness or for cross examination or for any other purposes related to the inquiry.

Both, S/Shri. Jyoti Ranjan and Vivek Ranjan appeared before the committee on the 22nd January, 2009. The committee assured them full cooperation in conducting the proceedings. They were told to give all information and evidences which they have. They were also told not to have any hesitation or fear while deposition and can take as much time as they wanted/needed. Further, it was informed to them that they can call anybody as a witness or for the cross-examination or to get any other information/clarification related to this case.

II. Summary of the Depositions

(1) Shri Jyoti Ranjan : In his deposition, Shri. Jyoti Ranjan stated that Shri. Tanamay Sinha ragged by 10 students on 18.04.04 and kidnapped on 19.04.04. Shri. Ranjan reported the matter to the police station with prior intimation to the Dean of the Discipline, mentioning therein the names of the ten students who were alleged to be involved in the act of ragging and kidnapping. He stated that the parents of these ten students were intimated and invited to attend the meeting with the Inquiry Committee, which was enquiring these incidences. Accordingly, the parents of the students came and deposed before the committee. Thereafter, the University revoked the suspension of the ten students concerned immediately. Further, Shri. Jyoti Ranjan Stated that their parents were not invited even after their repeated request. In the month of February, 2005 a letter was sent to Shri. Surya Nandan Sinha, the father of Shri. Jyoti Ranjan. Shri. B. P. N. Sinha,

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the uncle of Shri Jyoti Ranjan and others came to meet the Inquiry Committee. However, Dr. Bhawanishankar, chairman of the Inquiry Committee remained absent without giving any intimation to the students concerned and their parents. The college management asked these student, Shri Jyoti Ranjan and Vivek Ranjan to sign blank paper and also tried to get apology from them. These two students viz. S/Shri Jyoti Ranjan and Vivek Ranjan approached the State Human Rights Commission, Chennai for justice. The college also forced them to take back case reported to the police station. The inquiry committee of the college looking into the matter of the ragging and kidnapping did not inform the suspension of these two students to the respective Department of the college where they were registered, which caused lot of chaos in their academic activities. As a result they could not appear in the semester examinations in time. Apart from this, it was alleged by the college that Shri Jyoti Ranjan was involved in malpractice in Neural Network course. He subsequently tried to appear, since he need the certificate, in the re-examination on the request of the college management. However, the college returned his letters and examination form along with the examination fee. At the end of the deposition, Shri. Jyoti Ranjan thanked the UGC Committee for patient hearing and its concern. He also mentioned that he did not want to invite anybody as witness or for cross-examination.

(2) **Shri Vivek Ranjan** : After narrating the incidence of ragging and kidnapping of Mr. Tanamay Sinha on 18.08.04 and 19.08.04 respectively, he informed the committed that he was not a complainant but a prime evidence (prime evidence means a prime witness). He mentioned that the charge leveled by the Dr. MGR University was completely vague. Accordingly to him, he brought Mr. Tanamay Sinha back from the lonely place/highway. As far as a course called BMA 101 Mathematics-I is concerned he got 'B Grade' when Kuruvilla was CoE. Since, as a practice college dispersed the marksheets only after one year (approx), as a result he did not get printed result and in the meantime he was suspended. Although he requested for the marksheet, the same was denied by the University. On revoking the suspension, he requested for the same but was informed that it was lost in the flood. He further mentioned that, in its representation dated 16.04.08 the college has clearly written to the Raghvan Committee that he passed in BMA 101 course. But still the Duplicate Marksheet reads as "F" Grade in this subject. He was forced to reappear BMA 101 paper again. He mentioned that in meantime this course was coded as BMA 103 in the second semester, in which he scored "A" Grade. He submitted this information to UGC, MHRD and Raghvan Committee when he made a representation to these organizations. He stated that the marksheet for 1st Semester was lost by the class coordinator and he was not liable to rewrite the examination. Mr. Balakrishnan, to whom they referred as Bala from Examination Cell, was cross examined. Shri. Vivek Ranjan stated that Shri. Bala was confused and puzzled.

(3) **Dr. K. C. Kothandan, Executive Director**: He stated that he joined the University in the month of February, 2005 and had no personal knowledge about the so called ragging incident which appeared earlier. He came to know about the same only through the existing file.

Accordingly to him Shri. Jyoti Ranjan and Vivek Ranjan approached him with a letter regarding the suspension and requesting to revoke it. Since the letter was addressed to the Chancellor, he

