

# DON BOSCO COLLEGE, SULTHAN BATHERY

## KERALA RAGGING PROHIBITION ACT 1998 ACT 10 OF 1998 (Published in Kerala Gazette Extra No. 1007 dated 24.6.1998)

### 1. Definition – In this Act, unless the context otherwise required;-

'Ragging' means doing of any act, by disorderly conduct to a student of an educational institution, which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raising apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to that student and includes:-

- (i) Teasing, abusing or playing practical jokes on, or causing hurt to such student
- (ii) Asking a student to do any act or perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course, willingly, do.

### 2. Prohibition of ragging – Ragging within or without any educational institution is prohibited.

### 3. Penalty for ragging – Whoever commits, participates in, abets or propagates ragging within or without, 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 fine which may extend to **ten thousand rupees.**

### 4. Suspension of student – (1) Whenever any student or, as the case may be, the parents or guardian, or a teacher of an educational institution complaints 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, enquire into the matter mentioned in the complaint and if prima facie, it is found true, **suspend the student** who is accused of the offence, and shall, immediately **forward the complaint to the police station** having jurisdiction over the area in which the educational institution is situated for further action.

### 5. Dismissal of student – Any student convicted of an offence under section 4 shall be dismissed from the educational institution and such student shall **not be admitted** in any other educational institution for a **period of three years** from the date of order of such dismissal.