# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5059 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

#### **Anti-ragging App**

5059. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched an anti-ragging App to curb the menace of ragging in campuses of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the App;

(c) the details regarding number of downloads *via* Android system and number of instances of ragging that have been reported on the App since its inception, State/UT/ educational institution-wise; and

(d) whether the Government plans to expand the functions of the App in order to provide counselling and assistance to victims of ragging and if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. An Anti-Ragging Mobile Application has been launched on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 for filing online complaint against ragging by the students, checking their complaint status, filing online Anti-Ragging Undertaking by Students and Parents/Guardians, receiving duplicate copy of Undertaking, calling Anti-Ragging Helpline Number i.e. 1800-180-5522 and accessing social media (Facebook) for eradication of ragging. The App is available on Google Play Store and on iOS Platform. The App was downloaded 2576 times from 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 via the Google Play Store. No separate data is maintained by University Grants Commission (UGC) regarding the number of instances of ragging reported on the App. Currently, the concerned educational institutions arrange counselling for the victims of ragging. Modifications are possible in the App as and when required.

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