

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

Medical/Psychiatric Counsellors

†2272. **SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

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

- (a) whether there is any provision of conducting a free of cost medical/psychiatric counselling for the students who are victim of ragging;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has received any complaints regarding under financing of anti-ragging cells in the colleges or shortage of staff in these cells; and
- (d) if so, the details of the measure taken/being taken by the UGC for resolving the said problems?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b): University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued circulars dated 13.11.2017 (https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6193093_Psychosocial-Study-of- Ragging.pdf) and 27.12.2018 (https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/3405363_Anti-ragging-Circular.pdf) recommending urgent and mandatory Psychosocial Support and counselling to be offered to victims as well as perpetrators so that the potential for cyclical abuse is neutralized. As per the recommendation of the Committee on “Psychosocial Study of Ragging in Selected Educational Institutions in India”, there is a provision for providing free medical and psychiatric counselling to victims of ragging in each college. These recommendations are mandatory and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation. The Anti Ragging Committee of the College counsels each

student who is a victim of ragging and if the Committee feels that the student victim requires professional counselling then he/she is referred to the counsellor in the College.

(c) & (d): UGC has not received any complaints, so far, regarding underfunding or under staffing of college Anti Ragging Cells. Therefore, the question of taking remedial measures does not arise.
