



Higher Education (K2) Department
Secretariat, Chennai-9

Letter No.2067A/K2/2024-1, dated:17.11.2024

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

To

The Registrars of all Universities
under the aegis of Higher Education Department.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Higher Education Department – Universities – Harassment / Humiliation faced by Research Scholars by their Guides and other faculties – Reported – Instructions issued for strict compliance – Regarding.


It is brought to the notice of the Government that the certain Guides of Universities do not treat their Research Scholars properly with due regard and are humiliating / harassing them with personal chores asking them to do the household chores of the guides, apart from academic works, failing which, the Scholars are threatened of dire consequences. Further, these Research Scholars are also ill-treated and forced to spend a sizable amount to complete their Research Projects/Viva by way of cash and kind.

2. In this regard, I am to request you to issue necessary instructions preferably in the form a circular to all the Guides and ensure that such incidences do not take place in the University and that if anybody is found to resort to such tactics or if any such incident is reported, then strict action will be initiated against those erring guides. An online reporting mechanism may be put in place so that the research scholars can report their grievances and immediate action to redress their grievances.

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3.This may be given top priority and a compliance report in this regard be sent to Government at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


17/11/2021
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government