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Title: Need to withdraw recognition and curb financial aid to Santosh Medical College, Ghaziabad in order to check ragging in colleges.

SHRI M. CHINNASAMY (KARUR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise an important matter of public importance. The menace of ragging has risen its ugly head yet again in the Santosh Medical College in Ghaziabad, near Delhi a few days back. I am sure that this is not confined to a medical college only. This has been a regular and recurring feature in innumerable number of colleges all over the country.

Sir, freshers are humiliated and tortured by senior students. This incident invariably takes the shape of a tragic incident like some freshers committing suicide. Recently, the Supreme Court has warned that if an educational institution fails to curb ragging, its affiliation to the universities and financial aid could be withdrawn. A case has been reported in the *Hindustan Times* on 29.11.02 that two freshers go deaf after ragging in Santosh Medical College. This ragging by senior students in Santosh Medical College has led to two freshers going deaf. Freshers were allegedly beaten black and blue by the senior students.

So, I would like to demand from the Government of India withdrawal of recognition and curbing of financial aid to the particular college.