

Regarding decision of Dental Council of India for withdrawal of recognition to Alappuzha Dental College in Kerala-Laid

SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): This is to bring the attention of the Government towards the critical situation concerning Alappuzha Dental College, Kerala, whose recognition is on the verge of being withdrawn by the Dental Council of India. Admissions to the BDS course are also set to be suspended starting from the academic year 2025-26. Additionally, the Council has directed the relocation of approximately 200 students currently studying there to other dental colleges within the State. This directive has caused significant distress among the students and their families, as transferring to other colleges could adversely impact their academic progress and emotional well-being. It is important to highlight that the Government of Kerala has assured the Central Government that the construction of the required infrastructure for Alappuzha Dental College will be completed on an urgent basis to address the concerns raised by the Dental Council. In light of this assurance, it is requested that the reconsideration of the decision to withdraw recognition and to take steps such as relocating students and the continuation of affiliation for a few more months, until the completion of the new building works.