

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4890  
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DENTAL COLLEGES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of dental colleges located in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish more dental colleges in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with criteria prescribed for the same;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the facilities in the dental colleges;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that dental related diseases are on the rise among the masses in the country; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among the people against dental diseases and provide affordable dental treatment?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a): There are 190 Dental Colleges in the Country at present. State wise break-up is annexed.
- (b) & (c): Establishment of new dental colleges in the Country is governed by the provisions of Dentists Act, 1948 and the regulations made thereunder, according to which an applicant fulfilling the criteria prescribed by the Dental Council of India (DCI) may be permitted by the Central Government to set up a new dental college.
- (d): Dental Colleges are established with prior permission of the Central Government, renewed every year till recognition, on the basis of the recommendations of DCI made after due inspection of physical infrastructure and facilities in the college. Even after recognition of degree, periodic inspections are also conducted by the Council to ensure maintenance of the standards of education and infrastructural facilities in the colleges.
- (e) & (f) The dental diseases are higher among the rural population. A pilot project on oral health was initiated in 1999 for developing and implementing comprehensive low cost sustainable primary preventive programme. This programme is currently being implemented in Delhi, Punjab, Maharashtra, Kerala and North Eastern States. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is implementing National Oral Health Care Programme as a nodal institution.

Annexure

(Referred to in reply to part a of the Lok Sabha Unstarred question No. 4890 for 27-04-05)

STATE-WISE BREAK UP OF DENTAL COLLEGES

S. Name of the State No. of Dental  
No. Colleges

1	Andhra Pradesh	16
2	Assam	1
3	Bihar	7
4	Chhattisgarh	2
5	Delhi	1
6	Goa	1
7	Gujarat	6
8	Haryana	8
9	Himachal Pradesh	5
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1

11	Karnataka	42
12	Kerala	10
13	Madhya Pradesh	6
14	Maharashtra	23
15	Orissa	2
16	Pondicherry	1
17	Punjab	10
18	Rajasthan	9
19	Tamil Nadu	15
20	Uttar Pradesh	20
21	Uttaranchal	1
22	West Bengal	3
	Total	190