

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3176
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DENTAL COLLEGES
ASHOK ARGAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new Dental Colleges for which approval has been given by the Government during the last three years;
- (b) the number of colleges out of these where regular on the spot inspection has been conducted;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaint against the functioning of any college; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) 50 applicants were accorded Central Government Permission for establishing new dental colleges in various parts of the Country during 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the basis of the recommendations of Dental Council of India made by them after regular inspection of the colleges.

(c) & (d) In terms of the Regulations, Dental Council of India inspects the dental colleges for recommending renewal of permission and for granting Central Government recognition. Subsequently also, the Council undertakes periodic inspection of the Dental Colleges to ensure their proper functioning in conformity with the norms.

Whenever a complaint is received against the functioning of a dental college, the same is referred to the Council for verification. Depending upon the recommendation of the Council, suitable action, including withholding of permission/withdrawal of recognition, are taken against the dental college.