

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

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PG DENTAL CERTIFICATE COURSES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Dental Council of India has launched post-graduate Dental Certificate courses in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Open University as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 18 April,2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such courses are recognized in the country as well as abroad;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU),in collaboration with the Dental Council of India, has launched two one-year Postgraduate Certificate Courses for the improvement of clinical acumen of dental practitioners in (1) Endodontics and (2) in Oral Implantology in open and distance learning mode, effective from 2008-09 academic session.These Courses envisage enhancement of knowledge and skills in the field of Conservative. Dentistry and Oral Implantology for diagnosing and managing the cases in these fields.Since IGNOU being a recognized University and having taken initiative for starting Postgraduate Certificate Courses, the same are approved ones.