

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

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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 in the country along with the number of seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the action plan drawn by the Government to strengthen and upgrade the dental colleges and increase the number of seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish new dental colleges, particularly in the unserved remote, tribal and backward areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): At present, there are 304 dental colleges in the country with an annual intake of 26190 BDS admissions. The State/UT wise list indicating BDS seats is at Annexure.
- (b) to (d): The Central Government grants permission as per the provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder. The State Government/University/ Society /Trust may apply for setting up new dental college along with Essentiality Certificate issued by the State Government which certifies the feasibility and desirability of opening of a new dental college/ increase of seats in existing dental colleges at a particular location. The Central Government has no proposal to establish new dental colleges, in the unserved remote, tribal and backward areas of the country