

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3351
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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 Government and private dental colleges along with the number of seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up new dental colleges in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise;
- (c) the number of proposals for setting up/recognition of new medical colleges received by the Government/ Dental Council of India along with the action taken/ proposed to be taken thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to maintain the standards and quality of education being imparted in dental colleges across the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

- (a): There are 305 Dental Colleges in the country. Statement indicating State/UT-wise number of Dental Colleges in the Country as on 9.12.2014 is at Annexure I.
- (b): Central Government of its own has no plan to open new dental colleges in the country. The State Government / University / Society may apply to set up new dental college in the country. 12 such proposals for establishment of new dental college have been forwarded to DCI for evaluation and recommendation for the next academic year i.e. 2015-16.
- (c): Statements indicating details for number of proposals received for setting up new dental and medical colleges in the country by Government / Dental Council of India along with action the action taken / proposed action taken during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise are at Annexure II and Annexure III respectively.
- (d): Dental Council of India is the statutory body responsible for establishment and maintaining high standards in dental education in the country. The Council is continuously engaged in updating of dental curricula in the country.