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Title: Regarding problems faced by dentists in the country.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): I would like to bring to the notice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare a matter concerning dentists of the country. One of the most important grievances is the non-implementation of 5th and 6th Pay Commission recommendations. There is a need to look into these recommendations, creation of separate sub cadre or separate cadre for dental fraternity, renaming the designation of dental post in Central Government Hospitals were some of the recommendations of the 5th Pay Commission.

Creation of the post of Additional Director-General is one of the recommendations of 6th Pay Commission. Creation of large number of posts of Oral Healthcare Provider at various levels would go a long way in keeping part with our similarly placed medical fraternity.

Finally, there is no dearth of dentists in the country. We have talent but wherewithal and infrastructure is lacking. Government has a big role to play here.