

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5722  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017  
APPOINTMENT OF DENTAL DOCTORS**

**5722. DR. BHOLA SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that in the State of Sikkim there are 147 sub-centers, 24 PHCs and 2 CHCs under the NRHM;
- (b) if so, whether these centers are fully equipped for Dental Health Services having Dental Chairs and instruments required;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to fully equip all the centers for dental health care as per norms in the rural areas in view of Rs. 9.25 crore granted for 2016-17 by the Government under the scheme;
- (d) the number of Government Dental doctors (BDS) appointed in the said State during 2015-16 and 2016-17 for these PHCs, CHCs and sub-centers; and
- (e) the details of mode of appointment/selection indicating the number of doctors appointed through interview, ad hoc basis and masteroll etc.?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): As per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) 2016, there are 147 Sub-Centers, 24 PHCs and 2 CHCs under the NRHM in the State of Sikkim.

As per information received from State Government of Sikkim, STNM Hospital, Gangtok, 4 District Hospitals, 2 CHCs and 13 PHCs are fully equipped for Dental Health Services having Dental Chairs and instruments required.

(c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide healthcare services and to ensure availability of equipment lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for equipment and dental health care, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

(d) & (e): As per information received from State Government of Sikkim, details of Government Dental doctors (BDS) appointed in Sikkim during 2015-16 and 2016-17 along with mode of appointment/selection is as below:

Sl. No.	Number of Dental Doctors appointed during 2015-16 & 2016-17	Mode of appointment	Year of appointment
1.	02	Regular	2015
2.	03	Adhoc	2016
3.	03	Contractual	2016
4.	02	Adhoc	2017