

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1310
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

SHORTAGE OF DENTISTS

1310. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

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

- (a) the number of dentists registered in the country;
- (b) whether there is a huge shortage of dentists in Government hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with dentist patient ratio at present in the country; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken by the Government to overcome shortage of dentists in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE**

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a): Total number of registered dentists in the country as maintained by the Dental Council of India is 2,19,559 as on 05.02.2018.
- (b) & (c): There is no vacant post of Dental Doctors in Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. The data pertaining to vacant posts of dentists in State Government Hospitals is not maintained centrally.
- (d): At present, there are 313 dental colleges in the country and the total number of BDS seats is 27,060. Under the “National Health Mission”, support is provided to the States for setting up Dental Care Units at District hospitals or below including manpower, equipment and consumables. For six AIIMS in the country, Standing Selection Committees (SSCs) have been constituted to facilitate expeditious filling up of vacancies of doctors including Dentists.

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