

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4402  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**AMENDMENT OF DENTIST ACT**

**4402. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Dentist Act, if so, the details thereof, including the objectives thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to do away with the practice of nominating practising dentists who do not have requisite qualifications to the Dental Council of India (DCI), if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of dentists registered in Part A and Part B of the Dentist Act, 1948;
- (d) whether States/UTs like West Bengal, Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir, Puducherry, Punjab and Delhi have dentists registered in Part B, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the DCI has stopped granting permission to establish new Dental colleges in India, due to dearth of job opportunities for students opting for BDS; and
- (f) the number of dental colleges and the number of dental graduates passing out every year in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a) & (b): The Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2019 has been passed by the Lok Sabha on 03.07.2019 and the Rajya Sabha on 08.07.2019. The Bill sought to amend the Dentists Act, 1948 so as to take away the mandatory requirement of the representation of Part B dentists in the Dental Council of India (DCI), State Dental Councils and Joint State Dental councils.
- (c): The number of dentists registered in Part A and Part B of the Dentists Register are 2,71,798 and 979 respectively.
- (d): A statement showing number of dentists registered in part B of these states is at Annexure.
- (e): No.
- (f): There are 313 Dental Colleges in the country with permitted intake capacity of 26,693 BDS admissions for the academic session 2019-20.

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**Annexure**

**Number of dentists registered in Part B of the Dentists Register in States/UTs of West Bengal, Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir, Puducherry, Punjab and Delhi.**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>No. of registered Dentists in Part B</b>
1.	Delhi	24
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	98
3.	Kerala	334
4.	Puducherry	64
5.	Punjab	37
6.	West Bengal	322