

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 117
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

NATIONAL DENTAL COMMISSION

***117. SHRI A. RAJA:
SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for implementation of National Dental Commission Act along with its current status;
- (b) the reasons as to why the powers are still being exercised by Dental Council of India when the later has been replaced by National Dental Commission;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expeditiously investigate corruption charges, by way of giving recognition to Dental colleges, periodic inspections etc., against the office bearers of Dental Council of India including its President; and
- (d) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to bring transparency in the functioning of National Dental Commission and its activities?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d) The National Dental Commission Act, 2023 has been notified on 11th August, 2023 with aim to regulate the profession of dentistry in the country, to provide for quality and affordable dental education, to make accessible high quality oral healthcare and related matters. The repealing of the Dentists Act, 1948 is consequent upon the orders issued by the Central Government as per provision of section 58(1) of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023.

The Central Government takes action on the complaints relating to alleged corruption by the officials of Dental Council of India (DCI) as per Central Vigilance Commission guidelines.

Various provision of the Act including Section 6(1), 6(6), 7 (1), 41(1), 52(1) are aimed at bringing transparency in the functioning of the National Dental Commission.
