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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1958
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019

E-DANTSEVA

1958. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched e-Dantseva website and app for digital information on health and knowledge;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the languages in which the website is available;

(c) whether this app and website is usable for differently abled especially visually challenged people and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether tele-medicine facility will be available using this facility for people in rural areas, if so, the required details thereof;

(e) whether the Government plans to increase the languages in which website is accessible, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase awareness about the e-Dantseva website and app, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a):   Yes, eDantSeva website and mobile application has been launched under National Oral Health Program of Government of India and provides digital information on Oral health and knowledge pertaining to oral cavity and oral problems.

(b):   eDantSeva aims to sensitize people about the significance of maintaining optimum oral health and equips them with the tools and knowledge to do so, including awareness on the nearest oral health service facility.

Currently, the website is available in Hindi and English language.

(c):   Yes, eDantSeva website complies with the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 level AA which enables people with visual impairments access the website using assistive technologies, such as screen readers.

(d):   Currently, the telemedicine facility is not available for people in rural areas through edantseva.

(e):   Yes, the application and website is planned to be made available in all the regional languages across the country in Phase II.

(f):   The National Oral Health Program of Government of India along with Centre for Dental Education & Research (CDER), AIIMS New Delhi has taken numerous steps to increase the awareness about the eDantSeva website at the following forums: national and international conferences, academic and research institutes, training programs for school teachers, AYUSH health and paraprofessionals