

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 900
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07th FEBRUARY, 2025**

ORAL HEALTHCARE

900. DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of treatment given for oral healthcare:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified major oral issues like dental caries, periodontal diseases, oral cancer, fluorosis, malocclusion etc. for treatment and if so, the details thereof, and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to introduce/implement schemes like Dantabhagya of Karnataka, Bal Swasthya Karyakram of Tamil Nadu, Mandahasam scheme of Kerala in treatment of oral healthcare and 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 PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (d) National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) is in operation since 2014-15 under the National Health Mission (NHM) to strengthen public health facilities of the country for an accessible, affordable & quality oral health care delivery. Support is provided to all the States/UTs to set up Dental Labs in District Hospitals and Dental Care Units at District Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs). Total 9587 Dental Care Units have been supported under NOHP either partially or fully, across all districts of 36 States/UTs.

Under the NOHP, support is also provided for equipment, Human Resources, Consumables, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and training activities for treatment of Dental caries, periodontal diseases, fluorosis, malocclusion, denture fabrications, Oral cancer and pre-malignant disorder as per the requirement of States/UTs.
