

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH MARCH, 2016**

SEPARATE WARD FOR DENTAL DEPARTMENT

1503. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

- (a) the number and names of medical colleges and hospitals where dental departments are working but there are no separate wards and operation theatre for dental department, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is going to propose any plan to provide separate dental ward and operation theatre for Lady Harding Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kirpalani, New Delhi in the large interest of poor patients; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c): Since Health is a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally. However, as per the Regulations on Minimum Standard Requirements for the Medical College, there should be a separate Department of Dentistry having relevant staff strength as per the number of admissions taken annually in the college. No separate Dental Ward/Operation theatre is provisioned in the said regulation.

As far as three Central Government viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, they have a dental department. However, they do not have separate Dental ward. Under Comprehensive Redevelopment Plan of LHMC and associated Hospitals, a separate Dental ward and operation Theater has been envisaged.

As far as AIIMS, New Delhi is concerned, it has a separate dental centres namely Centre for Dental Education and Research having 15 bedded ward and two independent Operation theatres for patients undergoing dental and facial surgery.