

- 6) Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs) are also being organized for imparting nutritional counselling to mothers and to improve child care practices.
- 7) Universal Immunization Program (UIP): Vaccination against seven diseases is provided to all children under UIP. Government of India supports the vaccine program by supply of vaccines and syringes, cold chain equipments and provision of operational costs. UIP targets to immunize 2.7 crore infants against seven vaccine preventable diseases every year. Second dose of Measles has also been incorporated in the universal Immunization programme and Pentavalent vaccine has also been introduced in 7 States. Year 2012-13 has been declared as 'Year of intensification of Routine Immunization'.
- 8) Mother and Child Tracking System: A name based Mother and Child Tracking System has been put in place which is web based to enable tracking of all pregnant women and new borns so as to monitor and ensure that complete services are provided to them. States are encouraged to send SMS alerts to beneficiaries reminding them of the dates on which services are due and generate beneficiary-wise due list of services with due dates for ANMs on a weekly basis.

#### **Dental colleges in the North-East**

1653. SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a high concentration of dental colleges in five States of the country and there is not a single dental college in the North-East;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there were wide variations between the inspection reports of the dental colleges by the Dental Council of India and that of Special Inspection Team constituted by the Ministry;
- (d) if so, the reasons for such variations;
- (e) whether the Dental Council of India have any complaint redressal mechanism;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is regional imbalance in existence of dental colleges in different States/UTs. However, presently there are 2 dental colleges in the NE region namely RIMS Imphal with an annual intake of 50 BDS seats and Regional Dental College, Guwahati with 40 BDS and 10 MDS seats. States/UTs-wise detail of dental colleges in the country is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Central Government grants permission as per the provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder. However, the State Government/University/Society/Trust may apply for setting up new dental college along with Essentiality Certificate issued by the State Government which certifies the feasibility and desirability of opening of a new dental college at a particular location.

(c) and (d) Inspections conducted by Dental Council of India is routine professional exercise to verify the facilities available at the dental colleges as per DCI norms. However, the Special Inspection Team is constituted by the Ministry to verify the complaints/representations received from various stakeholders. Since the inspections are conducted at different point of time, some variations may occur. However, if such variations are observed, the matter is taken up with the Dental Council of India.

(e) to (g) Dental Council of India has a Complaint redressal Committee which scrutinizes the complaints received by the Council and an appropriate action is taken accordingly.

#### *Statement*

##### *State/UT wise list of dental colleges in the country*

Sl. No.	State	Dental Colleges		Total
		Govt.	Pvt.	
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3	18	21
2.	Assam	1	0	1

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Bihar	1	6	7
4.	Chandigarh	1	0	1
5.	Chhattisgarh	1	5	6
6.	Daman and Diu (UT)	0	1	1
7.	Delhi	3	0	3
8.	Goa	1	0	1
9.	Gujarat	3	10	13
10.	Haryana	1	10	11
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1	4	5
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	2	1	3
13.	Jharkhand	0	3	3
14.	Karnataka	2	43	45
15.	Kerala	3	20	23
16.	Madhya Pradesh	1	14	15
17.	Maharashtra	4	31	35
18.	Manipur	1	0	1
19.	Odisha	1	4	5
20.	Pondicherry	1	2	3
21.	Punjab	2	14	16
22.	Rajasthan	1	13	14
23.	Tamil Nadu	1	28	29
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3	25	28
25.	Uttaranchal	0	2	2
26.	West Bengal	3	2	5
TOTAL		41	256	297