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Dear Sir

**Subject: Database Software for SDCs for Dental Personnel Resources Management**

In continuation of my earlier letter dated 23 January 2013, I am happy to inform you that we have successfully completed the work relating to Maharashtra State Dental Council and the system has become operational and has been functioning quite well. You may be happy to know that:

- since the system was installed in February this year, in the month of March alone, over 3500 – 4000 online renewals and 15-20 new registrations have taken place,(as compared to around 800 during the entire last year) which, indeed, is quite an encouraging response.
- the practice of entering the data 40-50 times has been done away with
- corrections having been avoided, generation of authentic data as per the Dentist Act 1948 has been made possible.
- needless to say, the system has led to considerable saving in manpower resources and time and ensures less financial implication.
- what is more important is that appropriate linkages have been generated for the state government, government of India and the DCI so that useful information can be accessed for purposes of statistical and demographic analysis, not to speak of monitoring of the distribution of dental personnel resources in the country for purposes of oral health policy planning

The work relating to Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi should be completed in a weeks' time despite the challenges of unavailability of complete information, paucity of staff to enter data, etc.

I am extremely happy to say that our efforts to establish an authentic database are gradually bearing fruits and we will now be in a position to confidently present to any national or international agencies authentic data of dental personnel resources available in the country at a particular point of time, say, during a particular year.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not convey my grateful thanks to you and to Dr Vishwas Mehta, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, without whose cooperation and support the system would not have seen the light of the day.

I now look forward to your convening a meeting of the technical staff of DCI / IDA, representative of DCI and government representatives so that proper documentation can be drawn up for future planning.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely

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Hon Secretary General

cc to: Dr SK Ojha, All Executive Committee Members, Dr Vishwas Mehta, Dr Mahesh Verma