

To

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Dear Sir,

Sub: Enactment of Clinical Establishment Act in the Country / States

Established in 1946, the Indian Dental Association is a premier professional association of practising dental professionals in the country representing approximately 75,000 members. An authoritative and independent voice of the profession, it is committed to attaining optimal oral health as a sine qua non for optimal general health in the country. By its dedicated approach to promoting dental education and research, IDA has been championing the cause of oral healthcare and hygiene in the country. It functions through its 31 state branches and over 300 local branches spread across the country.

Since oral health is an integral part of general health and wellbeing IDA has been making constant efforts to improve the oral health scenario in the country to better the general health index of the country. This vision is sought to be realized through IDA's leadership role in pioneering prevention, generating awareness, improving access to affordable dental care and promoting continuing dental education for the professional advancement of its members.

As part of its social responsibilities, IDA had launched Oral Cancer Foundation, Oral Cancer Registry, Spot & TII Centres, Child Dental Centre, Emergency Dental Centre, National Oral Health Programme, Dental Practice Accreditation, Community centres, Healthy Smiles happy smiles, Healing Smiles Foundation. Every year IDA organises Oral Health Month under which various checkup camps are organised across the country.

The reason of mentioning all these activities is to highlight health initiatives by IDA to safeguard and improve oral health of the people and enhance the quality of life.

The Government of India has passed Clinical Establishment Act and has started to implement it across the country. With reference to the captioned subject we would like to mention that to some of the stringent rules are not practical. Also, other medical practitioners may not have in-depth knowledge of the dentistry and all dental treatments. Almost all of the pre-requisites require a great amount of inclusive discussion with the stakeholders.

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Hence, as an important stakeholder and the representative of the dental professionals across the country, we urge you to include representatives from IDA to the committees (National & States) drafting the rules for enactment of the Act so that balanced approach could be justified before finalising the draft.

We look forward to your support, balanced approach in policy formation and help IDA to contribute to improve oral health scenario in the country.

Thanking you and with best regards
For Indian Dental Association



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