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10 November 2016

**Shri . C.K. Mishra**  
Secretary  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of India, Nirman Bhawan  
New Delhi 110001.

Respected Sir,

**Subject: Digital Health through Digital India: Linking e-health with Online Registration System  
Developed by IDA and other matters**

It was indeed nice of you to have lent a patient hearing to what the Indian Dental Association (IDA) has done to improving the oral health conditions in the country.

#### 1. Software on dental personnel resources management

As mentioned to Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri JP Nadda who was Chief Guest at our "Sushruta" Awards ceremony in Mumbai recently, IDA has developed a web-based software for the management of dental personnel resources in the country. *The highlights of the system are:*

- online registration of dental personnel in the country and updating of details
- classification of dental professionals according to speciality, gender, State, location
- simple procedure for registration, renewal and re-registration
- assessment of dental health personnel available in the country, their distribution and placement, shortages especially in critical areas like specialist dentists
- easy accessibility by all users and transferability of data
- online management of data by the stakeholders, i.e., GOI, DCI, SDCs, State Governments.
- yearly analysis of growth in dental profession
- easy maintenance and retrieval of data electronically
- application of a uniform system throughout the country
- saving in time, manpower and security of data
- integration of oral healthcare services with the existing health infrastructure
- CDE accreditation and dental practice accreditation
- developing ancillary personnel like health hygienists, and other support staff
- formulation of oral health policy and programme designing
- identification of unqualified practices, etc., etc.

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While the system would help the Ministry monitor the utilisation of dental healthcare personnel and, accordingly, design a comprehensive oral health policy, the Dental Council of India and its affiliates at the States, on their part, will be able to suitably plan management of resources to avoid skewed distribution and make effective and efficient use of dental health personnel to provide better oral care.

*We are looking forward to launching the software system in Delhi coinciding with Shri Atal Bihari Vajpaiyee's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebrations, as suggested by the hon'ble minister.*

**2. Online platform to deal with health emergencies**

*We are creating a robust online platform which can become helpful in cases of health emergencies. People can find real time help during times of health emergencies to find doctors, hospitals, ambulances, blood banks, etc., or they can check symptoms, first aid, emergency medicines, etc.*

*This, in effect, will help overall coordination and monitoring of the implementation of national health policy by the Health Ministry.*

**3. Oral Health Adviser to Health Ministry**

In view of the growing incidence of oral diseases and their links with systemic diseases, there is the need for a permanent Adviser on Oral Health matters to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as in the case of General Medicine.

The advisor will be able to coordinate with all the agencies involved. IDA could also act in an advisory capacity and assist the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in implementing oral healthcare programmes in the country to improve the prevalent oral health scenario.

We assure you, Sir, of our best services, as always, and look forward to receiving confirmation of the launch on 25 December, 2016 in Delhi.

With respectful regards,



Yours respectfully,

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