Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the dental disease is still a major public health problem in India, though not life threatening but restricts activities in school, work and at home causing loss of school and work hours. Moreover, the psychosocial impact of these diseases often significantly diminishes quality of life and huge social as well as economic burden. Despite great achievements in the oral health of populations, problems still remain in many communities around the country - particularly among underprivileged groups.

2. In addition to the burden of dental diseases, the tobacco use epidemic has made deep inroads into our society and estimated to account for high prevalence of cancers in the oral cavity which is easily preventable.

3. Many efforts have been taken at the National as well as the State level to upgrade dental services but there exists gaps in the dental health delivery system mainly at the grass roots. Hence in order to strengthen as well as recommend future road map there is an urgent need to assess the existing available dental manpower in the country, available in the Government Sector.

4. Therefore, I am directed to request you to kindly provide the following details:-

1. (a) Total number of Primary Health Centre (PHC) in the State/UTs
   (b) Total number of currently sanctioned /filled/vacant post of General Dental Surgeon in PHC.
   (c) Total number of PHC where General Dental Surgeon have been posted
   (d) Total number of PHC where General Dental Surgeon are required to be posted

2. (a) Total number of Community Health Centre (CHC) in the State/UTs
   (b) Total number of currently sanctioned /filled/vacant post of General Dental Surgeon in CHC.
   (c) Total number of CHC where General Dental Surgeon have been posted
   (d) Total number of CHC where General Dental Surgeon are required to be posted

3. (a) Total number of District Hospitals in the State/UTs
   (b) Total number of currently sanctioned /filled/vacant post of General Dental Surgeon and Dental Specialist in State/UTs.
   (c) Total number of District Hospitals where General Dental Surgeon and Dental Specialist have been posted.
   (d) Total number of District Hospitals where General Dental Surgeon and Dental Specialist are required to be posted.

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4. 
(a) Total number of Tertiary Care/Referral Hospitals in the State/UTs.
(b) Total number of currently sanctioned /filled/vacant post of General Dental Surgeon and Dental Specialist in Tertiary Care/Referral Hospitals.
(c) Total number of General Dental Surgeon and Dental specialist in Tertiary Care/Referral Hospitals.
(d) Total number of Tertiary Care/Referral Hospitals in the State/UTs where General Dental Surgeon and Dental specialist are required to be posted.

5. 
(a) Total number of Dental Colleges in the State/UTs.
(b) Total number of currently sanctioned /filled/vacant post of General Dental Surgeon and Dental Specialist in Dental Colleges.
(c) Total number of General Dental Surgeon and Dental specialist in Dental Colleges.
(d) Total number of Dental Colleges in the State/UTs where General Dental Surgeon and Dental specialist are required to be posted.

In view of the above, I would hereby request your good self to kindly furnish the information immediately

Yours faithfully,

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