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**Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad**  
**Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare**  
**Government of India**  
**Nirman Bhawan**  
**New Delhi 110 011**

**Hon'ble Minister, Sir**

Subject: National Council for Clinical Establishment - Inclusion of Representative of Indian Dental Association

**The Indian Dental Association (IDA), the custodian of oral health in the country, is the largest recognized body of dental professionals in India. IDA has a national presence and works through its 29 state and over 300 local branches spread across the country to promote optimal oral health for all Indians. Through education, communication, training, research and many other activities, IDA endeavours to achieve its mission of optimal oral health for all.**

**Being an organization of dental professionals committed to dental excellence and professional advancement, IDA leads a unified profession through initiatives aimed at promoting oral health awareness and provision of quality dental services to the community. Towards this end, it works as a bridge between the people, dental colleges, government institutions and oral healthcare product manufacturers with the national objective of improving the oral health scenario in the country.**

**Since its inception, IDA has been engaged in undertaking projects and programmes aimed at promoting not only dental health and hygiene amongst the people but also the overall development of dental science in the country.**

**You may be happy to know that IDA has set up of an Oral Cancer Foundation (August 2007), Tobacco Intervention Initiative Centres for tobacco cessation and Spot Centres for early detection and treatment of oral cancer (May 2009) and Child Development Centre (February 2010) for prevention of dental decay among children. These are significant contributions by IDA to oral healthcare management in the country.**

**At an international symposium organized jointly with FDI World Dental Federation on Oral Cancer in June this year, at which the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, had also participated, IDA has launched an Oral Cancer Registry, exclusively for registering cases of oral cancer in the country.**

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**IDA has also been complementing and supplementing the government efforts to promote, encourage and achieve national goals to improve the overall health index in the country and the Ministry of Health was very appreciative of its contribution to the shaping of national oral health policy in the country.**

We take this opportunity to compliment and congratulate you on enacting the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010. The provisions of this Act will certainly go a long way in the efficient regulation of clinical establishments while providing standard medical facilities and services with a humane approach.

Section 3 of this Act postulates the establishment of the National Council for Clinical Establishment with members chosen from various fields of allopathic and Indian system of medicine. Section 5 of the Act lays down the function of the National Council which has an important role to play with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the Act.

Amongst the Organizations/Associations which have been listed as members in the National Council for Clinical Establishment are representatives of the Indian Medical Association and the Indian System of Medicine Association. The Indian Dental Association, which is the largest body of dental professionals in the country, is not mentioned amongst the members of the National Council.

You will certainly agree that for the effective enforcement of the provisions of this Act in the field of dental science and for the balanced development of dental industry in the context of globalisation, inclusion of IDA in the National Council is absolutely necessary. Its non-inclusion will be prejudicial to the entire dental fraternity and will cause an enforcement vacuum which could prove detrimental to the objective of the Act inasmuch as representation of a large medical body will remain unheard, thus defeating the very purpose of the Act itself.

In view of what has been stated above, your kind intervention for the inclusion of IDA as an organization representing the dental fraternity is earnestly solicited on the likes of IMA and the Indian System of Medicine Association.

You are also further requested to kindly bring the necessary change by way of an amendment to Section 3 of the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act 2010 to give effective representation to IDA in the National Council for Clinical Establishment.

We count on your cooperation and support and with respectful regards,

Yours sincerely



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Hon Secretary General

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