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**Shri J.P. Nadda**  
Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Government of India, Nirman Bhawan  
New Delhi 110001

Respected Sir,

*The Global Exhibition on Services 2015, the first of its kind being organized in the country, is an excellent effort to create a one-stop-shop for meetings, networking and collaboration in the services space. The Indian Dental Association represents the oral healthcare space at the exhibition.*

*The Indian Dental Association (IDA), the largest recognized body of dental professionals in India, has as its goal attainment of optimal oral health in the country to supplement the Government of India's ambitious target of securing optimal oral health for all by 2020. Towards this end, IDA has been engaged in implementing various programmes and projects aimed at promoting not only dental health and hygiene amongst the people but also the overall development of oral healthcare sector in the country. The projects and programmes devised include:*

- *At the instance of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare developed a system to facilitate management of dental health personnel resources and make effective and efficient use*
- *Oral Cancer Foundation - to facilitate early detection and treatment of oral cancer and prevention of its spread, besides educating the masses of the risk factors.*
- *Oral Cancer Registry - to exclusively register the number of oral cancer cases in the country*
- *SPOT and TII Centres - for early detection and treatment of oral cancer and tobacco de-addiction respectively.*
- *Child Development Centre – to prevent dental caries in children and to eventually establish a society with zero tooth decay*
- *Dental Practice Accreditation – to ensure quality standards of oral healthcare services rendered*
- *IDA approved dental clinics - to ensure certain basic quality standards to be followed in the provision of dental healthcare services to ensure safety and effectiveness of the services rendered.*
- *National Oral Health Programme – to ensure oral health of all segments of the population – children, women, adult and the elderly*
- *National School Oral Health Programme - Healthy Smiles Happy Smiles – to encourage children to take care of their own oral health besides training teachers*

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*to promote the importance of good oral health habits among students and their parents*

- *Community Centres - to provide dental chairs and equipment to healthcare centres, hospitals and mobile units in the most remote stretches of rural India.*
- *Healthy Mouth Healthy Body – to safeguard the health of the mouth to maintain systemic health to reflect that the mouth mirrors general health*

Representation of IDA in National Council for Clinical Establishment

*I would also humbly submit that amongst the various branches of medicine which have been recognized and listed as members in the National Council for Clinical Establishment are Allopathy, Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani. However, the discipline of oral health is not recognized. Oral diseases are on rise and it is high time for considering, establishment of an oral health wing at the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI, to take care of oral diseases like oral cancer, gum diseases, dental caries, etc. and a Chief Dental Officer appointed at the Department of Health and Family Welfare.*

Oral Health Adviser to Health Ministry

It may not be out of place to mention here that, 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. 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.

Representation of IDA in Dental Council of India

Dental Council of India regulates the dental education and the dental profession throughout the country. Various State Governments, Universities, Dental Colleges, Central Government, etc., are represented in the Council. IDA, the recognized body of dental professionals, is conspicuous by its absence. It is submitted that representation of the Indian Dental Association in the Dental Council of India may kindly be considered.

Representation of IDA in Medical Device Regulatory Authority of India

The Medical Device Regulatory Authority of India ensures the safety of the public in the use of medical devices by maintaining control relating to the quality, safety, efficacy and availability of medical devices used. Hence, representation of IDA in MDRA may be considered to take care of the oral healthcare devices segment.

I would highly appreciate if association of IDA in matters relating to oral healthcare sector is given consideration by your Ministry. Needless to say it would go a long way in

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attaining the visions of your government, i.e., improving the national health and thereby improving productivity and growth.

*Yours respectfully,*



*Dr Ashok Dhoble*  
*Hon Secretary General*

