



भारतीय दंत परिषद

(दंत चिकित्सक अधिनियम, 1948 के तहत स्थापित एक सांविधिक निकाय)

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन

DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

(A STATUTORY BODY CONSTITUTED UNDER THE DENTISTS ACT, 1948)
UNDER MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



No.DCI/PDMS/Misc/Gen/General/147/2024-25/2024/1448

Dated: 30-05-2024

To,

The Registrar of all the State Dental Councils/Tribunals. (via Email & Speedpost)

Sub: **Immediate Action against Unregistered Dental Practices by Toothsi and Similar Companies - regarding**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to the attention of the Dental Council of India (DCI) that certain companies, including but not limited to toothsi, are engaging in the provision of dental treatments, teeth scanning and aligner services directly to patients at their homes. These services are reportedly being carried out by individuals who are not registered as dentists with the respective State Dental Councils.

This practice constitutes a clear and direct violation of the Dentists Act, 1948, and the Revised Dentists (Code of Ethics) Regulations, 2014. As per the provisions of the Dentists Act, only individuals duly registered with the State Dental Council are authorized to practice dentistry. Furthermore, the Code of Ethics emphasizes the necessity for maintaining professional standards and protecting patient safety, which are jeopardized by unregistered practitioners.

The DCI has already issued a Public Notice on 27.12.2021 regarding private companies, by engaging dentists, offering In-home services to the patients bypassing the professional expertise of the Dentists and functioning on aggressive marketing violating the provisions of Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulations) Act, 2010, Dentists Act, 1948 and Revised Dentists (Code of Ethics) Regulations, 2014 and directed all State Dental Councils / Tribunals to take necessary action against such companies / dentists.

The DCI has also issued a Public Notice on 17.11.2022 for running unauthorized dental courses by unauthorized authorities / institutions and directed that certain person authority, institution imparting dental qualification without any prior and valid permission as contemplated under the Dentists Act, 1948 and regulations made thereunder and such person is neither entitled for registration nor entitled for any job and are liable to be initiated to taken action under section 47 to 49 of Dentists Act, 1948 and Revised Dentists (Code of Ethics) Regulations, 2014 or any other law framed by the respective State under their legislative competence by the respective competent authority of the State so as to ensure the prevention of such malpractices and also to ensure that any dental qualification is awarded in violation of the Dentists Act, 1948 and regulations made thereunder shall not be a recognized qualification for the purpose of the Dentists Act, 1948.

In light of these violations, the Dental Council of India directs all State Dental Councils to:

1. Identify and Investigate: Conduct thorough investigations to identify individuals and companies engaging in these unauthorized practices within your jurisdiction.
2. Cease and Desist Orders: Issue immediate cease and desist orders to the companies and individuals found to be violating the provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948.
3. Public Awareness: Raise public awareness regarding the risks associated with receiving dental treatments from unregistered practitioners.
4. Legal Action: Initiate appropriate legal action against those found to be in violation of the Dentists Act, 1948, and the Revised Dentists (Code of Ethics) Regulations, 2014.
5. Reporting: Provide a detailed report of the actions taken and the outcomes achieved to the Dental Council of India within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter.

The Dental Council of India emphasizes the importance of adhering to the legal and ethical frameworks

that govern the practice of dentistry in India. The protection of patient health and the maintenance of professional standards are of utmost priority.

I trust that you will take immediate and effective measures to address this issue and uphold the integrity of the dental profession.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Your's sincerely

Yours faithfully,

Signature valid

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(Mukesh Kumar)
Deputy Secretary
Dental Council of India

Enclosure(s) attachment as Noted

CC:-

The President, Dental Council of India, New Delhi