

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1859
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025**

JURISDICTIONAL OVERLAP BETWEEN DCI AND NMC

1859. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Dental Council of India (DCI) permits Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (OMFS) to perform aesthetic dermatology procedures;
- (b) whether such permission exceeds the statutory mandate of the DCI;
- (c) whether this overlaps or conflicts with the provisions of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019;
- (d) whether this situation raises public safety or regulatory concerns; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to issue advisories or establish coordination mechanisms between the DCI and NMC to resolve such overlaps?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (OMFS) who undergo training under the Dental Council of India's (DCI) MDS Course Regulations, 2017 are permitted to perform aesthetic surgical procedures and selected hair-restoration procedures limited strictly to the cranio-maxillofacial region. OMFS specialists receive extensive training as part of their approved and recognized postgraduate curriculum. Their domain is distinct from dermatology and general medicine, and therefore the scopes of DCI and NMC remain complementary rather than conflicting.

The Government promotes inter-regulatory coordination among different statutory bodies to ensure regulatory clarity, uphold patient safety, and maintain integrity of professions regulated by the respective regulatory bodies.
