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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Government of India has issued instructions on 12 March 2015 that **with effect from 30 April 2015,** the recruitment of Indian nurses for employment in Kuwait will be restricted through State-run recruiting agencies, viz., **NORKA (Non-Resident Keralites’ Affairs Department)-ROOTS and ODEPC (Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Consultants Ltd)**, Kerala. Furthermore, from the date above, the emigration of Indian nurses for overseas employment in all 18 ECR countries, including Kuwait, will require emigration clearance from Protector of Emigrants Offices in India.

2. It has also been decided that foreign employers who seek to recruit Indian nurses will register from 30 April 2015 onwards in the e-Migrate system (being introduced by the Embassy) for vetting by the Embassy. Thereafter, foreign employers can raise demand for Indian nurses on e-Migrate system with the terms and conditions of their employment. On scrutiny of documents, the attestation/approval would be done by the Indian Embassy on-line basis.

3. The proposed recruitment of Indian nurses for work in Kuwait through State-run manpower agencies in India, viz., NORKA-ROOTS and ODEPC will help in establishing a fair and transparent mechanism for recruitment of Indian nurses for work in Kuwait.

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