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**PRESS RELEASE**

To streamline the recruitment of Indian nurses for work in Kuwait, the Government of India decided in March 2015 that the recruitment of nurses will be carried out through the following three State-run recruiting agencies:

1. Non-Resident Keralites’ Affairs Department (NORKA-ROOTS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala;
2. Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Consultants Ltd. (ODEPC), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; and
3. Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited (OMCL), Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

2. The Government of India has further decided on 7 May 2015 that these recruitment agencies which are authorized to recruit Indian nurses will not charge any fees towards recruitment expenses from Indian nurses. Such cost, if any, shall be met by the concerned agencies in Kuwait on mutually agreed terms. Moreover, foreign employers in Kuwait will not recover any amount towards the cost of recruitment from Indian nurses, initially or subsequently, during their contract.

3. The above guidelines relating to recruitment of Indian nurses are applicable for all 18 ECR countries, including Kuwait.

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