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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Subject: Visa & Passport Services by the Indian Embassy**

Frequent visitors to India from Kuwait, both Kuwaiti nationals as well as expatriates residing in Kuwait, are strongly advised to take 5-year or 1-year, multiple entry Business visas to India. The Indian Passport and Visa Service Provider, M/s Cox & Kings Services (CKGS), Kuwait has been providing visa services to Kuwaiti nationals and expatriates in Kuwait through their three centres- Sharq (City), Fahaheel and Abbasiya (Jleeb Al Showaikh) as well as passport services to Indian community. The above centre functions from 8 AM - 12 noon and thereafter from 4 PM - 8 PM on all working days. However, on closed holidays on Fridays and Saturdays, the working hours are from 4 PM -8 PM only. Attestation services are provided at the Embassy premises only.

2. Visas issued has increased during the last two years due to streamlining of visa procedures, with grant of 5-year and 1-year business visas (multiple entry) and 6- month tourist visas (multiple entry) to Kuwaiti nationals (as well as foreign nationals resident in Kuwait). All those travelling to India regularly are advised to apply for tourist visa (6-month multiple entry) or long-term business visa (5-year or 1-year, multiple entry). All visas are granted within 72 hours. Visa fee structure for Kuwaiti nationals is as below:

Visa fees for Kuwaiti nationals

[Exclusive of service charge of KD 3.250 by CKGS, Kuwait and KD 1.000 for ICWF by the Embassy]

(i) Tourist visa : 6- months/ Multiple entry - KD 13.00
(ii) Business visa : 1- year/ Multiple entry - KD 38.00
(iii) Business visa : 5- years/ multiple entry - KD 63.00
(iv) Transit visa : 15 -days single/double entry - KD 07.00

(v) Student visa : 1- years /Triple entry - KD 24.00
(vi) Medical visa : 1- year /Multiple entry - KD 38.00

(vii) Medical Visa : 6- Month/Multiple entry - KD 25.00

(viii) Employment visa: upto 1- year/Multiple entry - KD 38.00

3. As the visa work of the Embassy has been outsourced to M/s CKGS, Kuwait since August 2014, applicants are advised to visit Passport and Visa Centres of CKGS at (a) Indian Visa and Passport Application Centre, 17 Floor, Behbahani Building, Sharq, Kuwait : Tel. No. 22440392 (e- mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com )or ; (b) Indian Visa and Passport Application Centre, Complex Kais Alghanim, 4 Floor, Mecca Street, in front of Annod Complex, Fahaheel, Kuwait: Tel. No. 22909229 ( e-mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com). (c) Jleeb Al Showaikh (Abbasiya) 2nd Floor,Jleeb Al Shuyoukh Block 1,Street 1, Xcite building, Kuwait Tel. No. 24342428) ( e-mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com). The website of CKGS, Kuwait is <http://www.kw.ckgs.in/>

4. In emergency cases, the Embassy will also accept the visa applications at its Visa Wing from applicants. Mr Arvind Srivastava, Visa Officer may be contacted at Tel. No. 22550600 Extn. 279 and for passport related queries applicants may call Mr. K.K. Pahel, First Secretary (Consular) at Mobile No. 97229948. Fee structure for passport is as below:

[Exclusive of service charge of KD 3.250 by CKGS, Kuwait and KD 1.000 for ICWF by the Embassy]

1. New Passport for 10 years validity 23.000
2. Jumbo Passport (60 pages) 31.000
3. New Passport for Minor below 18 years 15.500
4. New Passport in Lieu of Damage/Lost Passport 46.000
5. Passport for New Born Baby 31.000

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