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**Press release**

As per the latest statistics (10 February 2016) received by the Embassy from the Kuwaiti authorities, the number of Indian nationals legally residing in Kuwait has reached 8.8 lakh mark. In addition, there are approximately 28,000 Indian nationals who have overstayed their visas and, therefore, are staying illegally in the country. Some highlights from the latest figures are:-

• The Indian community in Kuwait has grown by 10% in 2015. Our community remains the most preferred community in Kuwait.

• The gender ratio of Indians in Kuwait is highly skewed as they are more Indian males than Indian females in the country.

• Out of 8.8 lakh Indians, nearly 3 lakh are domestic workers (i.e. drivers, gardeners, cleaners, ayahs, cooks and housemaids).

• The majority of Indians (4.26 lakh) are deployed in private sectors (i.e. construction workers, technicians, engineers, doctors, chartered accountants, IT experts, etc.). In addition, there are about 1.1 lakh dependants i.e. spouses/children. Out of these, there are about 42,000 Indian students studying in 20 Indian schools in the country. With Indian companies being awarded EPC contracts of over USD 5 billion during last 2 years, Indian nationals working in private sectors may continue to rise in the coming 2-3 years.

• There are about 27,000 Indians working for the Kuwaiti Government in various jobs like doctors, nurses, para-medics, engineers in National Oil Companies and a few scientists. The demand for Indian nurses remains strong in Kuwait.

• The Kuwaiti authorities have deported 1,700 illegal Indians staying in the country during the from 1 December 2015 to 21 February 2016.

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