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**PRESS RELASE**

**INDIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND (ICWF)**

          Indian Embassy has been providing assistance to distressed Indian nationals in Kuwait by providing air-tickets (on case to case basis) and token financial assistance of US $ 40 to each person for repatriation. Further, seriously ill Indian nationals are sent to India on either stretcher or wheel chair. The transportation of mortal remains is also provided.

2. During calendar year 2016, Embassy has provided air-tickets, medical care and contingency travel expenses etc., to the distressed Indian nationals in Kuwait out of the ICWF, as under:

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| **Description of services provided under ICWF** | **Number of beneficiaries** | **Expenditure**  **(KD)** |
| Cost of air-tickets to destitute workers | 154 | 11,327.00 |
| Total Financial Assistance provided to distressed workers for their travel from Airport to hometown | 423 | 5,349.00 |
| Expenditure on airlifting of patients | 14 | 2,723.00 |
| Expenditure on airlifting of mortal remains to India | 40 | 5,456.00 |
| Miscellaneous services | 03 | 169.00 |
| Total | **634** | **25,024.00** |

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