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It may be recalled that to streamline the recruitment of Indian nurses for work in Kuwait, the Government of India has restricted the recruitment of nurses through the following three State-run recruiting agencies since May 2015:

a) Non-Resident Keralites’ Affairs Department (NORKA-ROOTS), Thiruvananthapuram;

b) Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Consultants Ltd. (ODEPC), Thiruvananthapuram; and

c) Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited (OMCL), Chennai.

2. An Indian delegation comprising of NORKA and ODEPC top officials visited Kuwait in April 2015 in this regard to finalize basic modalities with the Ministry of Health, Kuwait pertaining to the recruitment of Indian nurses.

3. A written understanding was reached this afternoon between the Ambassador of India to Kuwait and Dr. Mahmoud Al Abdulhadi, Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs and Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Health & Dr. Jamal Al-Harbi, Assistant Undersecretary for Assistance Medical Service, Ministry of Health, in this important matter. A Kuwaiti Health Ministry delegation is now expected to visit India in December 2015 for practical implementation of the nurses’ recruitment process.

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