

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION No-1023
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2022

ISSUES OF INDIAN ENGINEERS IN KUWAIT

1023. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is ready to negotiate with the Ministry of Higher Education and Public Authority of Manpower, Kuwait to accept Engineering Graduates from Non-NBA colleges/courses eligible for obtaining designation as Engineers in work permits for residency purposes;

(b) the intervention Government has done so far to accept the Engineering degree from all Indian Engineering colleges established under AICTE; and

(c) whether Government has statistics for the total Indian Engineers working in Kuwait and the total number of Indian Engineers who fulfill or do not fulfill the new regulation of Kuwait Society of Engineers for issuing NOC?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) Government has been regularly taking up the issue of accreditation of degrees of Indian engineers in Kuwait with Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE), which is the body for accreditation of engineering degrees in Kuwait. This includes taking up issues related to acceptance of Indian engineering degrees from non-NBA colleges/courses.

(b) & (c) Government has constantly clarified to the Kuwaiti side that universities/technical institutions in India require UGC/AICTE approval, as applicable. Accreditation, including by NBA and NAAC, is not mandatory. With the structured engagement of our Embassy in Kuwait with KSE over the past years, difficulties in accreditation faced by many Indian engineers have been successfully resolved. Exact number of Indian engineers working in Kuwait or those who do not fulfil the condition of NBA accreditation is not available.
